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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy speaks during an announcement of a plan to cut carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by 30 percent by 2030, Monday, June 2, 2014, at EPA headquarters in Washington.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama introduced a politically charged plan to order big and lasting cuts in the pollution discharged by America's power plants. But the plan, though ambitious in scope, wouldn't be fully realized until long after Obama's successor took

office and would generate only modest progress worldwide. Obama's proposal to force a 30 percent cut in carbon dioxide emissions, by the year 2030 from 2005 levels, drew immediate scorn Monday from Republicans, industry groups and even a few Democrats who are facing fraught re-election campaigns in energy-dependent states. Environ-

mental activists were split, with some hailing the plan and others calling it insufficiently strict to prevent the worst effects of global warming. The effort would cost up to \$8.8 billion annually in 2030, the EPA projected. But the actual price is impossible to predict until states decide how to reach their targets — a process that will take years.

Obama, in a conference call with public health leaders, sought to head off critics who have argued the plan will kill jobs, drive up power bills and crush the economy in regions of the U.S. "What we've seen every time is that these claims are debunked when you actually give workers and businesses the tools and the incentives they need to in-

novate," Obama said. Never before has the U.S. sought to restrict carbon dioxide from existing power plants, although Obama's administration is also pursuing the first limits on newly built plants. The plan would push the nation closer to achieving Obama's pledge to reduce total U.S. emissions by 17% by 2020.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

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In Syria; Security tight ahead of presidential vote

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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — With security heightened in Damascus and thousands fearing rebel attacks in other cities, Syria holds an election Tuesday in the middle of its bloody civil war—a vote that President Bashar Assad is expected

April.

The Syrian opposition and its Western allies have dismissed the vote as a farce, questioning the credibility of an election taking place during a raging civil war. Much of northern and eastern Syria is in rebel hands, and polling will only be done in government-controlled areas.

from the upper stories of a Damascus university building proclaiming, “The students are with you.” Another banner, spangled with tiny Syrian flags, hung from a government ministry and proclaimed its support for the president. Motorists taped images of Assad on their windows, and posters of him in sun-



Syrian President Bashar Assad, left, talks to government soldiers during his visit to the Christian village of Maaloula, near Damascus, Syria. It is Syria's first multi-candidate presidential election in nearly half a century. But the vote on Tuesday, June 3, still has the feel of a referendum and is being touted by Assad's government as a measuring scale for Syrians' support of his three-year brutal military crackdown on dissent. (AP Photo/SANA)

to win easily and that critics have denounced as a sham.

Assad's re-election to another seven-year term would show the tenacity of a ruler who had only a tenuous grip on power just over a year ago. In the past 12 months, his troops have clawed back to regain lost ground and significantly strengthen his position, giving him little reason to seek a political compromise in a conflict that has killed more than 160,000 people. Still, the Syrian government has gone to great lengths to present the vote as a way to resolve the crisis and move forward. For the first time in more than 50 years, more than one candidate will be on the ballot. Assad faces two government-approved challengers in the race, Maher Hajjar and Hassan al-Nouri, both of whom were little known in Syria before declaring their candidacy in

Ahmad al-Jarba, the leader of the Western-backed Syrian National Coalition, described the vote as “theater written with the blood of Syrians.” He urged his countrymen to stay home, alleging that Assad was planning to bomb and shell voting centers in order to blame the opposition. Campaigning officially ended Monday, and workers across central Damascus took down banners, posters and pictures of the candidates. Blue and yellow tents were set up to shade the crowds expected at polling stations from the sun.

Hajjar and al-Nouri gave several interviews and turned up at election events during the race, but Assad has not made any public appearances in recent weeks. Still, the president remained a ubiquitous presence.

A gigantic banner with a smiling Assad stretched

glasses and a military uniform, his sleeves rolled up, were stuck to military checkpoints.

Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi urged Syrians to cast their ballots for a president “who would lead the next stage, achieve security and stability in the country, and bolster unity and national principle for the Syrian people and step up the achievement of national reconciliation.”

He said the election was a “historic day” for Syria and that a large turnout will “prove to the entire world that the Syrian people have decided and are determined to make the electoral process a success.”

Tens of thousands of Syrians abroad voted last week, although many of the more than 2.7 million Syrian refugees across the region either abstained or were excluded by voting laws. □

China detaining artist before 25th Tiananmen anniversary

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Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese-born Australian artist and former protester in China's 1989 pro-democracy movement was taken away by Chinese authorities shortly after a profile of him appeared in the Financial Times newspaper in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the military clampdown on the student protest centered around Beijing's Tiananmen Square. An Associated Press reporter talked to Guo Jian as he was taken away from his home in suburban Beijing on Monday morning. Guo said he would be held by police until June 15.

It is the latest in a string of detentions of artists, lawyers, scholars and journalists ahead of the Tiananmen anniversary amid intense government efforts to deter coverage by foreign media of its remembrance.

After a stint as a soldier, Guo was studying art in Beijing when he was swept into the 1989 student protests and witnessed the military crackdown that began on the night of June 3, 1989.

“I didn't believe it, even though I had been a soldier,” Guo was quoted as saying in an article published in the Financial Times last week. “In the army I had never seen that sort of violence. Then I saw the tracers and people falling around me — they were just gone.”

Discussions of the protest and its military suppression are taboo in China, and authorities tighten security ahead of the anniversary each year.

But this year's suppression has been harsher than in previous years, as police round up activists who had received no more than warnings in the past.

Since early May, the authorities have detained or put under house arrest dozens of people, including prominent human rights lawyer Pu Zhiqiang, in an attempt to prevent any commemoration. Other activists have been warned by the authorities not to speak to foreign media. Police also have cautioned foreign journalists not to cover any sensitive issues leading up to the anniversary or face “serious consequences.”

A French broadcaster said its journalists were interrogated for six hours by Beijing police when they were found interviewing people on the street about the events 25 years ago. The journalists were forced to say in front of a police video camera that they did something “very sensitive” that could cause “disturbance,” and promise not to do it in the next several days, before police returned their press cards, the broadcaster said. The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China condemned the practices and called for them to halt.

“This effort to deter news coverage is a gross violation of Chinese government rules governing foreign correspondents, which expressly permit them to interview anybody who consents to be interviewed,” the FCCC said in a statement.

The Europe Union also expressed its concern.

“While acknowledging China's advancement of the economic and social wellbeing of its people in the past 25 years, the EU also hopes to see greater space open up for discussion and debate about China's recent history and for lawyers, human rights defenders and journalists to carry out their work without harassment or interference,” it said in a recent statement.

Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade issued a statement saying it is seeking information on Guo's reported detention and is ready to provide him with consular assistance.

Guo's latest art work was covering a miniature model of Tiananmen Square with 160 kilograms (350 pounds) of minced pork, which the artist removed once the meat turned rotten, the FT reported. □

Pro-Russia rebels attack Ukrainian border guards

Associated Press

LUHANSK, Ukraine (AP) —

Hundreds of pro-Russia rebels armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades mounted a daylong assault Monday on a key government base used to coordinate the defense of the country's border with Russia, prompting the deployment of air support by government forces. Border guards killed at least five rebels in repelling the attack on their base, a spokesman for the border guard service said.

In the center of Luhansk, some six miles (10 kilometers) away, a blast at an administrative building held by the insurgents claimed more lives. A health official for the Luhansk region told Interfax news agency that at least seven people had been confirmed dead in what rebels described as a government airstrike.

The government denied carrying out an airstrike and said the blast was caused by misdirected rebel fire from a portable surface-to-air missile launcher.

Russia's Foreign Ministry swiftly condemned what it said was a government attack on the rebel-held building and urged U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense Derek Chollet, who was visiting Kiev on Monday, to help calm unrest in Ukraine. "We urge our Western partners to use their influence on Kiev, to stop Ukraine from descending into a national catastrophe," the ministry said in a statement.

Russia also called an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to introduce a resolution calling for an immediate halt to the violence and talks to establish a cease-fire. Moscow has almost daily demanded that the Kiev government halt its military operations in the east, but it was the first time it has called for a Security Council resolution. It was unclear how much support the proposal would have.

The rebel assault on the government base continued into the night, ending around 9 p.m. with the bor-

der guards succeeded in repelling the insurgents.

Earlier, rebels in camouflage had promised safe passage to the government troops if they surrendered and laid down their arms. The pro-Russian insurgents, who have seized government and police buildings across eastern Ukraine, have waged increasingly aggressive attacks on government-held checkpoints and garri-

sons in an attempt to seize weapons and ammunition from Ukrainian forces.

The attacks are deeply troubling for Ukraine's new government, whose president-elect, Petro Poroshenko, has pledged to crush the separatist movement in the east. The conflict has escalated markedly in the past week, with rebels attempting to seize a major airport and the shooting-down of a Ukrainian military

helicopter.

Serhiy Astakhov, the spokesman for the border guard service, told The Associated Press that five rebels were killed and eight wounded in Monday's attack on the walled compound on the western fringes of Luhansk, a major city not far from the Russian border. He said seven servicemen were wounded, three seriously.

The initial attack by about

100 insurgents was met by gunfire from the border guards, and the number of attackers swelled to around 400 a few hours later, he said. Astakhov said the Ukrainian armed forces sent aircraft to the area, and at least one fighter jet was seen flying overhead. An AP reporter saw about 40 rebel fighters, and one of them said that more than 200 were involved in the assault on the base. □



A pro-Russian rebel fires his weapon during clashes with Ukrainian troops on the outskirts of Luhansk, Ukraine, Monday, June 2, 2014. Hundreds of pro-Russia insurgents attacked a border guard base in eastern Ukraine on Monday, with some firing rocket-propelled grenades from the roof of a nearby residential building. At least five rebels were killed when the guards returned fire, a spokesman for the border guard service said.

(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

US targets European hackers in mass theft

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

A band of hackers implanted viruses on computers around the world, seized customer bank information and stole more than \$100 million from businesses and consumers, the U.S. Justice Department said Monday in announcing charges against the Russian man accused of masterminding the effort.

In disclosing the criminal case, federal authorities said they disrupted European-based cyber threats that were sophisticated, global and lucrative.

The criminals in one scheme

infected computers with malicious software that captured bank account numbers and passwords, then used that information to secretly divert millions of dollars from victims' bank accounts to themselves. In another, they locked hacking victims out of their own computers, secretly encrypted personal files on the machines and returned control to the users only when ransom payments of several hundred dollars were made.

"The criminals effectively held for ransom every private email, business plan, child's science project, or family photograph — every single important and

personal file stored on the victim's computer," Leslie Caldwell, the head of the Justice Department's criminal division, said at a news conference.

Working with officials in more than 10 other countries, the FBI and other agencies recently seized computer servers that were central to the crimes, which affected hundreds of thousands of computers.

The FBI called the alleged ringleader, 30-year-old Evgeniy Bogachev, one of the most prolific cyber criminals in the world and issued a "Wanted" poster that lists his online monikers and describes him as a boating enthusiast. He faces crimi-

nal charges in Pittsburgh and in Nebraska. He was not in custody, but Deputy Attorney General James Cole said U.S. authorities were in contact with Russia about seeking his arrest.

The case is unrelated to the recently unsealed cyberespionage indictment of five Chinese army hackers accused of stealing trade secrets from American firms. Though those cyberattacks relied on similar tactics — including sending emails to unsuspecting victims with links that installed malware — the hackers in that case, unlike this one, were government officials. Bogachev's operation, prosecutors say. □

Brutal Mississippi showdown among primary races

Associated Press

JACKSON, Mississippi (AP)

— Six-term U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran campaigned with leading figures of Mississippi's Republican establishment and cast himself as a reliable opponent of President Barack Obama on Monday — the eve of a primary showdown with a conservative rival.

The race drew much of the attention among primaries across eight states on Tuesday. Nominations for the Senate are on the ballot in Alabama; Iowa; Montana; New Jersey; New Mexico and South Dakota as well as Mississippi in a year in which Republicans need to gain six seats to win a majority. Gubernatorial primaries are taking place in Alabama, Iowa, New Mexico, South Dakota and California, where Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown is seeking a fourth term this fall.

Cochran's rival, Chris McDaniel, made the final

rounds of his campaign and carried with him the hopes of conservative, anti-tax tea party supporters nationwide eager to topple a high-profile Republican incumbent in this year's primaries. In an in-

terview between stops, he said he wants to "end cronism in Washington, D.C," and "repeal Obamacare in its entirety" He said he'll also push for term limits and a constitutional balanced budget amendment.

Democrats face a distinctly uphill battle to win a House majority this fall, and they and their allies sought to knock out Republican contenders in primaries in California and New Jersey.

The House Majority political

action committee aired a television ad against Republican hopeful Doug Ose in California in an apparent attempt to help a more-conservative Igor Birman win a spot on the ballot. Seizing on votes cast in 2003, when he was in Congress, the ad said, "Doug Ose didn't serve the troops — he just served himself."

Ose has criticized the ad, but its mere existence was evidence that party officials believe Birman would present a weaker challenge to Democratic Rep. Ami Bera in the fall.

A 50 percent threshold is necessary to avoid a runoff in Mississippi's tough Senate Republican challenge, hardly a certainty in a race with a third candidate.

Cochran, 76, who has brought billions of federal dollars to his state, campaigned with Gov. Phil Bryant and Rep. Gregg Harper as he worked to fend off McDaniel's challenge. □



U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., left, greets Jim Matthews in the Lafayette County Courthouse in Oxford, Miss., Saturday, May 31, 2014. Cochran and Matthews both voted absentee on the final day it is allowed. The June primary is Tuesday.

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Questions remains over Bergdahl-Taliban swap

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon concluded in 2010 that Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl walked away from his unit, and after an initial flurry of searching the military curbed any high-risk rescue plans. But the U.S. kept pursuing avenues to negotiate his release, recently seeking to fracture the Taliban network by making its leaders fear a faster deal with underlings could prevent the freedom they sought for five of their top officials, American officials told The Associated Press.

The U.S. government kept tabs on Bergdahl's whereabouts with spies, drones and satellites, even as it pursued off-and-on negotiations to get him back over the five years of captivity that ended on Saturday.

There has been plenty of criticism about how the deal came about.

"Knowing that various lines of effort were presented and still under consideration, none of which involved a disproportionate prisoner exchange, I am concerned by the sudden urgency behind the prisoner swap, given other lines of effort," said Rep. Duncan Hunter, who has criticized the government effort to seek Bergdahl's release as disorganized.

One current and one former U.S. official said Obama had signed off on a possible prisoner swap. The president spoke to the Qatari emir last Tuesday, and they gave each other assurances about the proposed transfers, said a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official wasn't authorized to discuss the deliberations in public.

One official briefed on the intelligence said the Taliban also may have been worried about Bergdahl's health, having been warned that the U.S. would react fiercely if he died in captivity. The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, which is caring for Bergdahl, said he was suffering from nutritional issues.

Bergdahl's handoff to U.S. special forces in eastern Afghanistan was never going to lead to an uncomplicated yellow-ribbon celebration. The exchange stirred debate over a possibly heightened risk other Americans being snatched as bargaining chips and whether the released detainees would find their way back to the battlefield.

Republicans in Congress criticized the agreement and complained about not having been consulted, citing a law that requires Congress to be given 30 days notice before a prisoner is released from Guantanamo.

Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee said the Pentagon notified the panel by phone on Saturday that the exchange was occurring in the next five hours. □



The coal-fired Plant Scherer is shown in operation early Monday, June 2, 2014, in Juliette, Ga. The Obama administration unveiled a plan Monday to cut carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by nearly a third over the next 15 years, in a sweeping initiative to curb pollutants blamed for global warming.

(AP Photo/John Amis)

Obama Orders Pollution Cuts

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The plan will however still fall short of the global reductions scientists say are needed to stabilize the planet's temperature.

Connie Hedegard, the European Union's commissioner for climate change, called the rule "the strongest action ever taken by the U.S. government to fight climate change." But she also said, "All countries, including the United States, must do even more than what this reduction trajectory indicates."

Fossil-fueled U.S. power plants account for 6 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions, so even a steep domestic cut affects just a portion worldwide. And even with the new limits, coal plants that churn out carbon dioxide will still provide about 30 percent of U.S. energy, according to predictions by the Environmental Protection Agency, down

from about 40 percent today.

Power plants are America's largest source of greenhouse gases, accounting for 38 percent of annual emissions. Plants have already reduced carbon emissions nearly 13 percent since 2005, meaning they are about halfway to meeting the administration's goal. The 645-page proposal forms the linchpin of Obama's campaign to deal with climate change, and aims to give the U.S. leverage to prod other countries to act when climate negotiations resume in Paris next year.

At home, however, the power plant limits won't cut as big a chunk out of greenhouse gas emissions as Obama's move to tackle pollution from cars and trucks. That separate effort is to double fuel economy for vehicles made in model years 2012-25.

And the drawn-out timeline for the power plant plan, coupled with threats by opponents to block it, infused

Monday's announcement with uncertainty.

Relying on the four-decades-old Clean Air Act, the EPA is giving customized targets to each state, then leaving it up to those states to develop plans to meet their targets. Some states will be allowed to emit more and others less, leading to an overall, nationwide reduction of 30 percent.

Although Obama initially wanted each state to submit its plan by June 2016, the draft proposal shows states could get extensions until 2017. If they join with other states, as New York has done, they could have until 2018, kicking full implementation of the rules well into the next president's administration.

That raises the possibility that shifting political dynamics in Washington could alter the rule's course. Although Obama could veto action by Congress to block the rule, he can't ensure that his successor will do the same. □



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Supreme Court rejects appeal from reporter over identity of his source

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WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Monday turned down an appeal from James Risen, a New

York Times reporter, a former CIA official.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Richmond, Virginia, ordered Risen to comply with the subpoena.



James Risen, an author and reporter for The New York Times, in New York in 2006. The Supreme Court on Monday, June 2, 2014, turned down an appeal from Risen, who is facing jail for refusing to identify a confidential source. The court's one-line order gave no reasons but effectively sided with the government in a confrontation between what prosecutors said is an imperative need to secure evidence in a national security prosecution.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

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The court's one-line order gave no reasons but effectively sided with the government in a confrontation between what prosecutors said is an imperative to secure evidence in a national security prosecution and what journalists said is an intolerable infringement of press freedom.

The case arose from a subpoena to Risen seeking information about his source for a chapter of his 2006 book "State of War." Prosecutors say they need Risen's testimony to prove that the source was Jef-

frey Sterling, a former CIA official.

The Obama administration has sent mixed signals in the case and on the subject of press freedom in general. In its Supreme Court brief in the case, Risen v. United States,

No. 13-1009, it told the justices that "reporters have no privilege to refuse to provide direct evidence of criminal wrongdoing by confidential sources."

But Attorney General Eric Holder hinted last week that the Justice Department might choose not to ask the trial judge to jail Risen for contempt should he refuse to testify. □

The Obama administration has pursued leaks aggressively, bringing criminal charges in eight cases, compared with three under all previous administrations combined.

At the same time, the administration has supported efforts in Congress to create a federal shield law that would allow judges to quash some subpoenas to journalists. The Justice Department has also issued new internal regulations limiting the circumstances in which prosecutors can subpoena reporters' testimony and records.

The Supreme Court has not directly addressed whether journalists have protections from subpoenas since its 1972 ruling in *Branzburg v. Hayes*. In that 5-4 decision, the court ruled that the First Amendment provided no such protection against grand jury subpoenas.

Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. joined the majority but also wrote a short, cryptic concurrence calling on judges to strike the "proper balance between freedom of the press and the obligation of all citizens to give relevant testimony."

For decades, press lawyers had considerable success in persuading courts to interpret the concurrence broadly. That run of victories started to wane in 2003, when Judge Richard A. Posner of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Chicago, surveyed the legal landscape.

"A large number of cases conclude, rather surprisingly in light of *Branzburg*, that there is a reporter's privilege," he wrote.

The case against Sterling concerns Operation Merlin, a CIA plan to sabotage Iranian nuclear research

77,000 foreign banks to share tax info with U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — It

will soon get a lot harder to use overseas accounts to hide income and assets from the U.S. tax collectors. More than 77,000 foreign banks, investment funds and other financial institutions have agreed to share information about U.S. account holders with the Internal Revenue Service as part of a crackdown on offshore tax evasion, the Treasury Department announced Monday.

The list includes 515 Russian financial institutions. Russian banks had to apply directly to the IRS because the U.S. broke off negotiations with the Russian government over an information-sharing agreement because of Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Nearly 70 countries have agreed to share information from their banks as part of a U.S. law that targets Americans hiding assets overseas. Participating countries include the world's financial giants, as well as many places where Americans have traditionally hid assets, including Switzerland, the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas. Starting in March 2015, these financial institutions have agreed to supply the IRS with names, account numbers and balances for accounts controlled by U.S. taxpayers.

Under the law, foreign banks that don't agree to share information with the IRS face steep penalties when doing business in the U.S. The law requires American banks to withhold 30 percent of certain payments to foreign banks that don't participate in the program — a significant price for access to the world's largest econo-

my.

The 2010 law is known as FATCA, which stands for the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act. It was designed to encourage — some say force — foreign financial institutions to share information about U.S. account holders with the IRS, making it more difficult for Americans to use overseas accounts to evade U.S. taxes. "The strong international support for FATCA is clear, and this success will help us in our goal of stopping tax evasion and narrowing the tax gap," said Robert Stack, deputy assistant treasury secretary for international tax affairs.

Under the law, U.S. banks that fail to withhold the tax would be liable for it themselves, a powerful incentive to comply. U.S. banks are scheduled to start withholding 30 percent of interest and dividend payments in July, though recent guidance from the Treasury Department gives U.S. banks some leeway on timing as they gear up their systems.

The withholding applies to stocks and bonds, including U.S. Treasuries. Some previously owned securities would be exempt from the withholding, but in general, previously owned stocks would not.

Private investors who use foreign financial institutions to facilitate trades also face the withholding penalty. Those private investors could later apply to the IRS for refunds, but the inconvenience would be enormous. Treasury released the list of complying banks on Monday so American financial institutions will know it is OK to send them payments without withholding the tax. □

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ISM corrects US factory index to show solid growth



Dave Roop, of Cicero, Ind., works on the line of a Chrysler transmission manufacturing facility in Tipton, Ind. The Institute for Supply Management released its manufacturing index for May on Monday, June 2, 2014. (AP Photo/AJ Mast)

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Institute for Supply Management twice corrected its May manufacturing index on Monday to show that factories grew at a strong pace during the month. The original report said that manufacturers had expanded at a weaker pace.

The index, a widely followed gauge of factory activity, now reads 55.4, up from 53.2 in the initial report. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion.

The corrected figures indicate that manufacturing is expanding at a healthy pace and should help the economy rebound after

a weak start to the year. Nearly all of the 18 industries tracked by the index reported growth, led by furniture, electrical equipment, and appliances. Textiles, the only sector that didn't grow, were flat. "They say that the third time is the charm," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics, in a research note. "Let's hope so for the ISM's sake... Based on the corrected survey, it appears that manufacturing activity is still gathering momentum."

Wall Street rebounded from early losses after the ISM, a trade group of purchasing managers, issued its corrections. The Dow

Jones industrial average rose 12 points in afternoon trading, though broader indexes slipped.

The ISM data is one of a few economic reports that can fuel sharp movements in stock market indexes. Major revisions to such a closely watched economic report on the day of release are highly unusual, traders said.

Measures of production and orders in May rose to healthy levels. The production index surged to 61 from 55.7 in April. And a gauge of orders increased to 56.9, up from 55.1 in April. Both figures were the highest since December. Rising orders suggests that factory output should re-

main strong in the coming months.

A measure of employment showed that factories added jobs in May, though at a slower pace than the previous month. That could weigh on last month's overall job gains. The government will issue May's jobs report on Friday.

Prices paid by manufacturers jumped, a sign that factories are spending more for raw materials such as steel, plastics and aluminum. If companies pass on those costs, that could lift inflation in the coming months.

A measure of export orders dipped, reflecting weak growth in Europe and a slowdown in China. But factories are showing signs of life in the world's No. 2 economy: A separate manufacturing index released by China Monday rose to 50.8 in May, its highest level this year.

Other recent U.S. manufacturing data has been mixed.

Factory output fell in April as manufacturers produced less furniture, machinery and plastics, according to a recent Federal Reserve report. The drop followed two months of strong gains, and economists said it was likely temporary.

U.S. factories received more orders for long-lasting goods in April, the Commerce Department said last week. But the increase occurred because of a surge in demand for military aircraft. Excluding defense-related goods, orders actually fell.

And orders for core capital goods, a category viewed as a proxy for business investment plans, fell 1.2 percent in April. It was the weakest showing since a 1.9 percent January drop. □

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For decades, former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer was the technology giant's biggest cheerleader. His booming voice and energetic high-fives are famous around Seattle. Now that he's agreed to buy the Los Angeles Clippers for \$2 billion, Ballmer is expected to bring that boosterism to the hardwood down south. Ballmer's days of sports fandom go back to childhood. An avid pick-up basketball player who lacked the athleticism to excel at it, he channeled his passion into being team manager at the Country Day high school in his hometown of Detroit.

There, he supported players and was a perfectionist with stats. He made sure towels and balls were in order, and that water bottles were ready when the players stepped off the court. "And, of course, he cheered," then coach John Hansen told author Fredric Alan Maxwell for his 2002 book "Bad Boy Ballmer."

He didn't have a hoop in his backyard, but neighborhood kids knew from his bellows when he wanted a

game.

"He'd be so loud, calling out to see if anyone wanted to play," childhood

friend Rob Mason told the author. In the game, he was no less determined. "You could see how Steve

Stanford's MBA program to help his college friend Bill Gates. He joined as the company's 30th employee



In this Jan. 25, 2014, photo, then-Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, left, shakes hands with former NBA players Bill Russell, right, and "Downtown" Freddie Brown as Omar Lee looks on during an NCAA college basketball game between Washington and Oregon State in Seattle.

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ended up where he did. He just kept driving toward the basket. He was hugely competitive."

That kind of background makes Ballmer, 58, the "perfect owner" for the Clippers, says author Maxwell.

Ballmer is a huge basketball fan, but is organized and analytical enough to manage a large organization.

"He knows how to hire talent. He won't get in the way of that," said Maxwell. But just wait for the court-side excitement, he said.

"When they play the Lakers, (Jack) Nicholson will be sitting down and Ballmer will be jumping all over the place," he said. "That's the maniacal side of him."

Apart from the flamboyant rah-rah displays of emotion Ballmer was known for at Microsoft, his career credentials are significant. He helped build Microsoft into a software juggernaut after dropping out of

in June 1980. Since Microsoft's initial public offering in 1986, the company's stock has climbed some 41,000 percent, helping build Ballmer's vast fortune, which Forbes estimates is roughly \$21 billion.

Ballmer stepped down from the chief executive post in February as investors grew impatient with the company's slow progress adapting to a new era of mobile computing dominated by tablets and smartphones. One of Microsoft's key businesses — selling its still dominant Windows operating systems — is buffeted by a slowdown in demand for personal computers, even as the business and cloud services are gaining strength.

Ballmer has a reputation for being intensely competitive and persistent. That could help a team that just finished the second deepest playoff run of its 44-year history.

Spain: King abdicates for his 'new generation' son



Spain's King Juan Carlos makes a televised speech Monday in the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid announcing his abdication. The 76-year-old Juan Carlos oversaw his country's transition from dictatorship to democracy but has had repeated health problems in recent years.
(AP Photo/SRP/EFE)

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Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Spain's King Juan Carlos, who led Spain's transition from dictatorship to democracy but faced damaging scandals amid the nation's financial meltdown, announced Monday he will abdicate in favor of his son so that fresh royal blood can rally the nation in its time of trouble.

The king told Spaniards in a nationwide address that he started making a plan to give up the throne after he turned 76 in January.

He said that the 46-year-old Crown Prince Felipe — whose 70 percent approval rating in a recent El Mundo newspaper poll compares to his father's 41 percent — is ready to be king and will "open a new era of hope."

Juan Carlos didn't specify which problems his son must address as the next head of state for Spain. But the king stressed Felipe will need to "tackle with determination the transformations that the current situation demands and confront the challenges of tomorrow with renewed intensity and dedication."

As Spain embarks on what appears to be a sluggish but steady economic recovery, its biggest problem is the drive by the wealthy

northeastern region of Catalonia to hold a secession vote in November — one labeled illegal by the central government in Madrid. Now that Felipe is set to become king, Spain is expected to change its constitution to make sure his first-born daughter Leonor can succeed him.

The royal family has said its wants the change to ensure she is next in line to the throne in the event that Felipe's wife gets pregnant again and gives birth to a boy, who would become monarch under the current constitution. Analysts say that could open the door to political negotiations for additional proposed constitutional changes, including demands by the leading opposition Socialist Party to grant Catalonia more autonomy or special financial benefits to ease Catalan separatist feelings. "I think both parties could agree on a change to accommodate the needs of Catalonia," said Antonio Barroso, a London-based analyst with the Teneo Intelligence political and business risk consulting firm. He cautioned that the process could take months.

Artur Mas, the president of Catalonia, declared that the king's abdication would not derail his plans to hold the vote asking Catalans whether they want to secede from Spain.

"We have a date with our future on Nov. 9," Mas told reporters after the king gave his speech.

The abdication was first announced Monday by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, who did not say when the handover would happen because the government must now craft a law creating a legal mechanism for the abdication and for Felipe's assumption of power.

Rajoy, however, said he would preside over an emergency cabinet meeting on Tuesday to draft the law which is assured of passing because his center-right Popular Party has an absolute majority in Parliament. □

Amid Israel threat; Palestinians form national unity Cabinet

IBRAHIM BARZAK

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas swore in a national unity government Monday, formally ending a crippling seven-year split with his Islamic militant Hamas rivals but drawing Israeli threats of retaliation.

The formation of the unity government and Israel's tough response are part of a wider competition be-

yes to terrorism and no to peace," Netanyahu said after a meeting with his Security Cabinet.

Abbas said his new Cabinet opposes violence and recognizes Israel, complying with longstanding conditions the West has set for dealing with Palestinian governments. Hamas has rejected such conditions, but Abbas said he is in charge of the government program.

In Washington, State De-

partment spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. intends to work with the new Palestinian government despite Israel's concerns. Psaki also said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called Netanyahu to relay the U.S. position, without offering details.

Psaki said the U.S. will continue to send aid to the Palestinians, but will closely watch what she called the "interim technocratic government."

Israeli officials said they were "deeply disappointed" by the U.S. position, saying Washington should instead call on Abbas to end the alliance with Hamas and resume peace talks with Israel. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter with the media. The EU has said it welcomes unity and would continue funding any government

that meets the conditions. Despite optimism on the Palestinian side, the new Cabinet faces many difficulties. Key disputes, including over how to meld rival security forces in the West Bank and Gaza, have not been resolved. Palestinian dependence on foreign aid only will increase because the new government will be even more expensive to maintain. Abbas has to blend a total of some 200,000



Palestinian unity government members including President Mahmoud Abbas, center left, and Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah, center right, pose for a photo during its swearing-in ceremony in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Monday, June 2, 2014.

(AP Photo/Majdi Mohammed)

tween Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for international support since the collapse of U.S.-led peace talks between them in April.

Abbas praised the 17-member unity government, made up of technocrats backed by Hamas and his Fatah movement, as a milestone.

"This black page in our history has been turned forever and will never come back," he said, referring to the Palestinian split that broke open with the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007. For seven years, the rivals ran separate governments, with Hamas in Gaza and Abbas ruling autonomous areas of the West Bank.

Netanyahu said the new government should be shunned because it leans on support from Hamas, a group labeled as terrorist by the West. Abbas "said

employees of two administrations. Israel brushed off Abbas' assurances about the pragmatic nature of the new government. The Security Cabinet said Israel would not hold peace talks with such a government and authorized Netanyahu to impose financial sanctions.

It also said Abbas would be held responsible for any rocket fire out of Gaza. Hamas has killed hundreds of Israelis in attacks over the years and launched hundreds of rockets from Gaza, but has largely observed an informal truce with Israel in recent years.

Abbas "has forged a pact with Hamas, an organization which has been declared a terrorist organization in the U.S., Europe, Egypt and throughout the world," Netanyahu said. "The international community needs to treat it accordingly." □

Police renew search in Madeleine McCann case



Portuguese and British officials plant markers on the ground inside a cordoned-off area, in Praia da Luz, Lagos, southern Portugal, Monday, June 2, 2014. Police investigating the disappearance of Madeleine McCann cordoned off Monday an area of scrubland near where the British girl vanished seven years ago. Officers placed yellow-and-white police tape around the waste ground, which is mostly level and slightly larger than a soccer field, and were expected to conduct a forensic examination of the area in coming days. (AP Photo/Francisco Seco)

**HELENA ALVES
BARRY HATTON
PRAIA DA LUZ, Portugal (AP)**

— Police investigating the disappearance of Madeleine McCann on Monday cordoned off scrubland near the resort where the British girl vanished seven years ago.

Officers placed yellow-and-white police tape around the waste ground, which is larger than a soccer field and covered in bushes and some trees. They were expected to conduct a forensic examination of the area in coming days. Officials have previously said detectives may use excavators, dogs and ground-penetrating radar as they scrutinize the terrain. Police kept watch over the area from an adjacent low hill.

Officials made no immediate comment on Monday's developments. Cases that are under in-

vestigation in Portugal are covered by a judicial secrecy law, which forbids the release of information. The scrubland is about 300 meters (330 yards) from the Praia da Luz resort in southern Portugal where Madeleine vanished from her family's vacation apartment in May 2007, shortly before her fourth birthday. The area was searched in the days following her disappearance. Authorities in Portugal and Britain said recently they would conduct new searches in coming weeks after reviewing the case file and a new public appeal for information. Portuguese police closed the case in 2008 because authorities had detected no crime. The public prosecutor's office in Lisbon last year reopened the investigation, saying new leads emerged during the case review though it did not elaborate. □

AP: Merkel seeks unity as Europe argues over EU job

**GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press
BERLIN (AP)**

— German Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed Monday to try to keep Europe united as leaders argue over one of the European Union's top jobs, stressing that she wants an increasingly skeptical Britain to stay in the EU.

Choosing a successor to Jose Manuel Barroso as president of the EU's executive Commission has become a political headache for Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron.

The conservative European People's Party, which includes Merkel's bloc, finished first in May's European Parliament elections after campaigning for former Luxembourg premier Jean-Claude Juncker to get the job.

Britain opposes Juncker, while Merkel has drawn criticism at home for appearing cool toward him after the election. In Germany, the vote was often billed as giving voters a say on the next Commis-

sion president.

Merkel first said the EU's agenda could be implemented "by him but also by many others." Days later she clearly endorsed Juncker, a veteran advocate of closer EU integration who says leaders shouldn't be "blackmailed" into rejecting him.

Merkel said Monday she is working for Juncker to get "the necessary majority" but wants the decision reached "in a European spirit."

"A European spirit means always working to get the highest possible amount of agreement," she said. "And so, for example, I'm not indifferent to whether Great Britain is a member of the European Union or not."

Cameron, who has promised his country a referendum on continued EU membership in 2017, said the EU needs leaders who understand a need for change. The anti-EU UK Independence Party topped the polls in Britain. □

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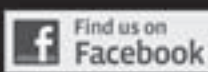
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Top Iran leader urges closer ties with Arab states

AMIR VAHDAT
 Associated Press
TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's top leader called for better ties with Gulf Arab nations during a rare visit Monday by the Kuwaiti emir, intensifying a push by Tehran to mend relations with the U.S.-allied countries on the other side of the Persian Gulf.

Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah's two-day trip, which began Sunday, follows visits by Iran's foreign minister to his oil-rich nation and other Gulf Arab states in recent months. Moderate Iranian President Hassan Rouhani vowed to improve relations with Arab countries after he came to power in August. Regional heavyweight

Saudi Arabia and its smaller Gulf neighbors long have been wary of Tehran's influence in the region, and like their Western allies are concerned that the Islamic Republic's nuclear ambitions could lead to the development of atomic weapons. Iran says its nuclear program has only peaceful aims.

Relations between Shiite powerhouse Iran and the Gulf states have been further strained by the civil war in Syria. Saudi Arabia and other Sunni-ruled Gulf states have thrown their support behind the rebels fighting to topple President Bashar Assad's government, which is supported by Tehran. □



Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, right, listens to Kuwait's Emir Sheik Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, center, while Iranian President Hassan Rouhani attends their meeting in Tehran, Iran, Monday, June 2, 2014.

(AP Photo/Office of the Iranian Supreme Leader)

Officials: Bomb rips through northern Nigerian town

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 Associated Press
YOLA, Nigeria (AP) — Dozens of people were feared dead following an explosion on Sunday evening in northeastern Nigeria, with Boko Haram militants believed to be behind the attack, officials said Monday morning.

The attack took place near a primary school where there are also a number of beer halls in the town of Mubi in Adamawa state, one of the three states under a year-old emergency rule imposed by President Goodluck Jonathan to fight Boko Haram, which seeks to impose Islamic rule in Nigeria.

Othman Abubakar, a spokesman for the Adamawa state police, confirmed the explosion but he couldn't say how many

people had been killed or injured.

David Dauda, who witnessed the blast, said he saw at least 30 bodies following the explosion.

"The blast occurred shortly after people are dispersing from a football playing ground. People gathered there to watch a football competition and just few minutes after soldiers patrol vehicle left the place then we heard a blast," Dauda said.

The explosion occurred at around 6:45 p.m. local time when many people were headed home to make a 7:00 p.m. curfew imposed in the wake of earlier attacks.

Nigeria's northeastern region has suffered five years of increasingly deadly assaults by Boko Haram, whose fighters have tar-

geted towns and villages in a string of bomb and gun attacks.

At least 2,000 civilians have been killed in such attacks

this year alone.

Boko Haram has claimed responsibility for kidnapping more than 300 schoolgirls in the town of Chibok on April

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Risks shadow nationalism as Scots ponder independence

DANNY HAKIM

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BEITH, Scotland - The case for tearing apart the United Kingdom was made on a recent evening at a community center in this small town near Glasgow. More than 200 people were packed into folding chairs and standing along walls lined with posters promoting an independent Scotland, like the one with the word "Aye" emblazoned on a Scottish flag. A disco ball hung overhead.

Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's deputy first minister, spoke from a lectern covered with a tartan drape.

"As a country, we've spent an awful long number of years being told we're too wee, too poor and probably a bit too stupid to be independent," she said. "If we were too small, and too poor and too stupid, if we were the economic basket case, if we were the subsidy junkies that some of our opponents try to imply that we are, then don't you think Westminster might have offloaded us by now?"

After the applause died down, she asked, "What's the downside?"

Plenty, in the minds of many business leaders and economists, who are concerned that an independent Scotland will not have the financial strength to prosper alone. The economy would lean heavily on revenue from North Sea oil, which has been falling, and its per capita government spending outpaces the rest of Britain.

The official campaign period kicked off Friday for the referendum that will determine whether Scotland will remain in Britain. If successful, the vote, which will be in September, would fundamentally reshape the United States' closest ally, redrawing the borders of a union that has existed for more than 300 years.

Although the pro-Britain unionists lead, momentum has swung back and forth. The spread narrowed to just 3 percentage points in an April poll by ICM Research for the Scotsman newspaper, but it widened

to 12 points in mid-May, with 20 percent still undecided.

The movement goes beyond the nationalistic pride that has fed previous calls for a split. For

to the pro-union advocacy group Better Together is Donald Houston, a Scottish hotel and whisky magnate who has said "ripping up" the union "is a ridiculous idea." The biggest individu-

of costs and uncertainties, but fewer and more uncertain benefits." The study cited increased borrowing costs and the likelihood of higher taxes and spending cuts. There would also be



John Sweeney, the Scottish finance secretary, addresses an independence meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland. As a referendum on Scottish independence from Britain draws closer, supporters say the country would be better off by itself, while others warn of economic and financial implications of separating.

(Robert Ormerod/The New York Times)

Scottish nationalists, much of the discontent comes down to clashing politics. They believe that the British government is far too conservative and has pushed austerity on a Scottish government that never wanted it.

"We again take a different view about the macroeconomic choices available for the country," John Sweeney, Scotland's finance minister, said in challenging the British approach. The financial implications weigh heavily on the debate. Top British government officials have ruled out sharing the pound with an independent Scotland, though their resolve has been questioned. José Manuel Barroso, the president of the European Commission, has said it would be "extremely difficult, if not impossible" for Scotland to join the European Union. That raised the question of whether Scotland would be left to create its own potentially volatile new currency. Wealthy Scots are choosing sides. The biggest donor

al donors by far to the independence advocacy group Yes Scotland are Colin and Christine Weir, who won the \$271 million EuroMillions lottery jackpot in 2011. Established Scottish business figures, including George Mathewson, former chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland, have also spoken in support of independence.

Executives of large multinational corporations tend to see a breakup as a needless risk. More are speaking out, like the BP chief Bob Dudley, who said "Great Britain is great and it ought to stay together," or General Electric's top executive in Europe, who said "there would be some consequences that are unpleasant." And two of Scotland's largest employers, Royal Bank of Scotland and the insurer Standard Life, have mentioned a "yes" vote as a risk in regulatory filings.

The Weir Group, a large Scottish engineering company, released a study that found that independence would "create a number

fees to convert a potential Scottish currency across a new border; the report projected \$840 million in annual transaction costs.

The ruling Scottish National Party, however, sees a vibrant future for an independent Scotland, buoyed by North Sea oil wealth, free of nuclear weapons and able to erect a firmer welfare state. Several nationalists pointed to their own government's analysis projecting that Scotland, on its own, would have the 14th-highest output per person among advanced economies. Their findings, however, were recently undercut by a University of Glasgow analysis that said "foreign ownership in key economic areas" was a drag on national income statistics.

Scotland already runs many of its own affairs after a 1997 referendum on so-called devolution of powers from London gave it authority over its health and education services, justice system and housing policy. The Scots also have some taxation powers. □

Russia gives Ukraine more time for gas

BRUSSELS (AP) — Russia and Ukraine on Monday made substantial progress toward reaching an agreement on a lower price for gas deliveries and the payment of outstanding debt by Kiev, in a bid to avert a disruption of gas supplies that could also affect western Europe, a top EU official said.

The chief executives of the two sides' state gas companies agreed on a proposal that would see a lower gas price for Ukraine complete with a debt repayment schedule, said the European Union's Energy Commissioner, Guenter Oettinger, who hosted the negotiations in Brussels. Russia's Gazprom and Ukraine's Naftogaz will now take the proposal to their experts and shareholders for approval, notably the respective governments, which is the prerequisite for another round of talks to seal the deal in the coming days, he said.

Oettinger declined to divulge the envisioned new gas price for Ukraine, but said it would be lower than the \$485 Ukraine currently pays but above the discounted rate of \$268 per 1,000 cubic meters it was once granted by Russia. The price should then be held steady for one year to guarantee supply safety, he added.

In the EU-facilitated talks that also featured both countries' energy ministers, the parties agreed Russia will neither request prepayment for further deliveries nor restrict supplies while negotiations continue, the EU said.

The progress in the talks came after Ukraine's Naftogaz paid Gazprom \$786 million for the February and March supplies following the first round of EU-mediated talks in Berlin last week.

Officials were keen on avoiding an interruption of gas deliveries to Kiev because it could also disrupt supplies for western Europe since Ukraine is an important gas transit country. □



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ORANJESTAD - The underwater playground of Aruba's reefs are a joy to visitors and considered a treasure to the local population, but it also represents home and breeding sites for reef fish as well as an important part of the overall marine ecosystem. Education continues to play a key role in helping to protect and preserve both Aruba's marine life and reefs, and Jolly Pirates are helping to head that cause with its own "Save the Reefs" Bracelet Program. Funds generated from the program recently

went to sponsor school kids attendance in classes on water safety, fish identification and responsible sailing and snorkeling. Harald Buser, who operates the Jolly Pirates excursions for more than sixteen years explains, "it's time to devote myself to this worthy cause - To raise more awareness for healthy coral reefs in Aruba Carla Cavallaro, of the Jolly Pirates designed a trio of bracelets which their snorkel and sunset sail guests are offered in exchange for a small donation. All funds raised go into educational

programs and protection efforts to preserve Aruba's spectacular underwater landscapes of coral reefs." The majority of children who benefitted from the recent program happen to share an affinity with the sea as second and third generation kids of families involved in water sports. After participating in an essay contest, the kids enjoyed instruction from Canicio Van Der Biezen, and then practiced their newly-learned skills on a sail aboard the Jolly Pirates. The program was a success through the generous contributions of many individuals, including schoolteachers, boat captains, master divers and rescue workers, as well as each person who chose to donate through Jolly Pirates' Bracelet Program. "Giving back to Aruba is

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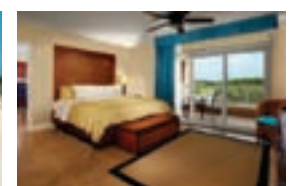
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CEO leaves De La Hoya's Golden Boy in shakeup

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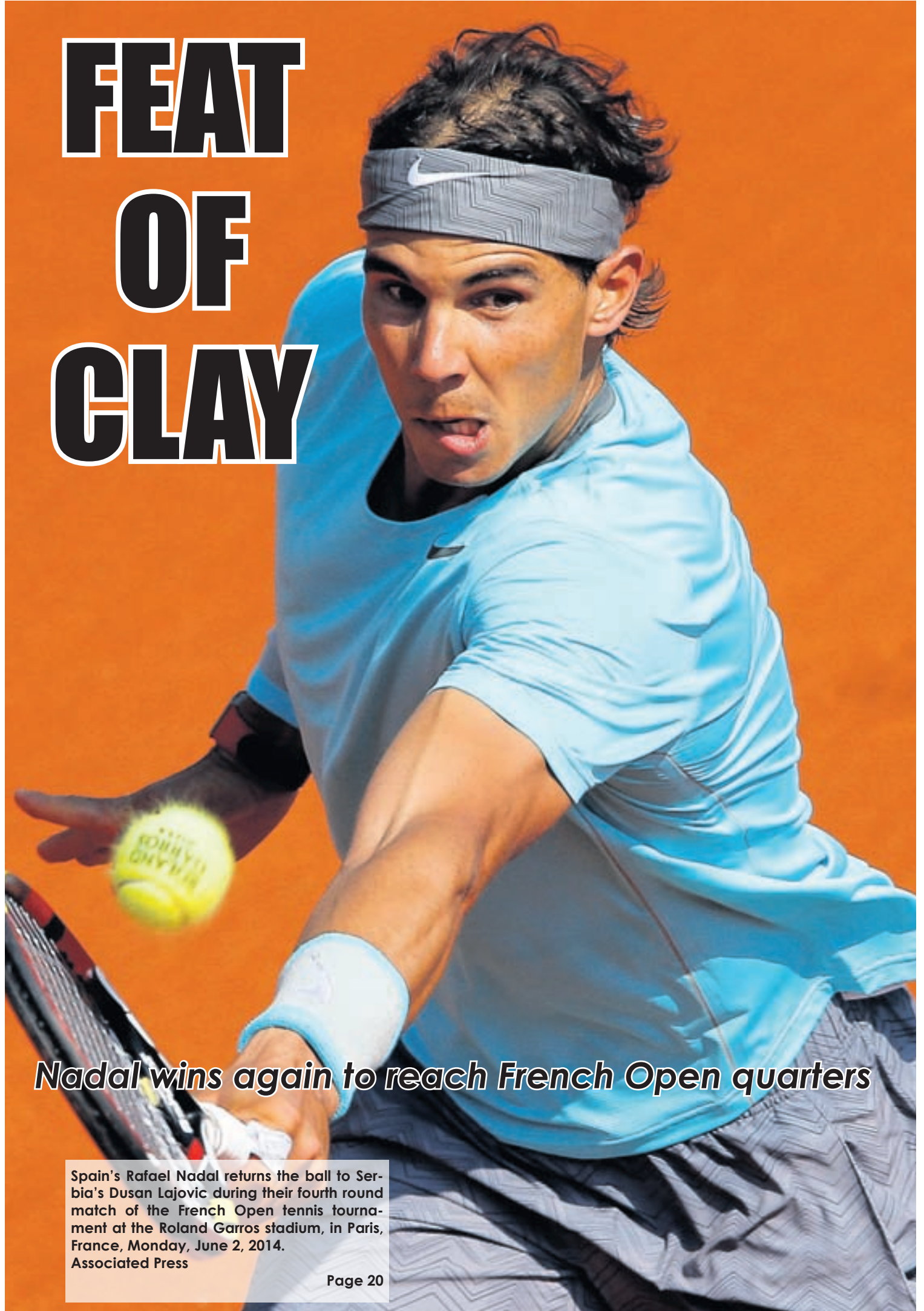
Oscar De La Hoya's main partner in Golden Boy Promotions is leaving the company because of a dispute that involves rival promoter Bob Arum and Floyd Mayweather Jr. Richard Schaefer, who has served more than a decade as chief executive officer of the boxing company, issued a statement Monday saying it is time to move on to other opportunities. "This decision has required a great deal of personal reflection, but ultimately I concluded that I have no choice but to leave," Schaefer said. "I have succeeded in banking and I have succeeded in boxing, and I look forward to the next opportunity." Schaefer's exit comes after months of speculation over a battle raging with De La Hoya over the future of Golden Boy. Schaefer has served as the de facto promoter for Mayweather for several years, and is widely expected to be involved in future Mayweather fights in some capacity.

De La Hoya said last month he had reconciled with Arum, who promoted him most of his career, and wouldn't rule out future fights between Golden Boy boxers and Arum's Top Rank roster. Mayweather has consistently refused to fight Manny Pacquiao, partly because he is promoted by Arum, who was also Mayweather's former promoter.

Schaefer has built a close relationship with Mayweather and Al Haymon, who manages Mayweather and several top fighters.

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FEAT OF CLAY



Nadal wins again to reach French Open quarters

Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Serbia's Dusan Lajovic during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Monday, June 2, 2014.
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5 things to know about the NBA Finals

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AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Here are five things to know as anticipation builds for the NBA Finals rematch between the San Antonio Spurs and Miami Heat. The series starts in San Antonio on Thursday night:

GAME 1 FACTS: The Spurs

three times it's happened with Miami, James and his team eventually won the series.

ALL THEY DO IS WIN: Over the last decade, no one has come close to matching the playoff win totals of the Spurs and Heat.

Since the start of the 2005 playoffs, including the first three rounds this year, San

Timberwolves (not just zero wins, but also zero playoff games played).

A LAST BIT OF REST: Apparently, two days without practice is a standard perk for winning a conference title in the NBA these days. The Heat ousted Indiana on Friday night, then took Saturday and Sunday off to refresh and recharge.

problem.

RESPECT LEVEL: Oh, there will be a high level of physicality in this series, for certain.

But something like, say, blowing into an opponent's ear, we can safely dismiss that as a realistic possibility during these NBA Finals.

There is genuine respect

MONEY AT STAKE: There's \$14 million in the league's playoff pool this season, and as if the Heat and Spurs weren't motivated enough by the chance to hold another Larry O'Brien Trophy, there's also some cash at stake.

The Spurs are already assured of taking home a to-



Miami Heat center Greg Oden lifts the conference trophy after Game 6 in the NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference finals against the Indiana Pacers, Friday, May 30, 2014, in Miami.

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San Antonio Spurs owner Peter Holt holds up the Western Conference trophy following Game 6 of the Western Conference finals NBA basketball playoff series between the Spurs and the Oklahoma City Thunder in Oklahoma City, Saturday, May 31, 2014.

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have never lost Game 1 of an NBA Finals. And Miami star LeBron James has never been part of a Game 1 road victory, in any round. San Antonio — which has never played an NBA Finals game while facing a deficit in the series — has won each of its five Game 1's in the title round, doing so by an average of 10.4 points per game.

Including his time in Cleveland, James has been on teams that opened playoff series on the road seven times. They're 0-7, losing by an average of 12.3 points. But in four of those seven occurrences, including all

Antonio has a league-best 92 playoff victories, while Miami has won 89 playoff games.

No other franchise is even close: The Celtics and Lakers have both won 59 playoff games during that span.

Miami has the best playoff winning percentage in the last 10 postseasons, its mark there of .654 just edging San Antonio's mark of .626.

There are six teams who don't even have 10 wins in the last 10 years — the Knicks (7), Raptors (6), Bucks (4), Kings (3), Bobcats-now-Hornets (0) and

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra summoned his team for practice on Monday morning.

The Spurs aren't planning to do anything officially basketball-related until Tuesday. They eliminated Oklahoma City on Saturday night, and had no practices scheduled on either Sunday or Monday — which, if nothing else, figures to give Tony Parker plenty of time to work on improving the condition of his sprained left ankle.

Parker sat out the second half of the Spurs' West-clinching win at Oklahoma City because of the ankle

between the franchises, perhaps best proven by how Spurs coach Gregg Popovich warmly embraced any Heat player or coach he could reach after Game 7 ended a year ago.

Frankly, the Heat won't miss the Lance Stephenson-antics — like blowing into LeBron James' ear — and the endless questions about those moves.

"It's an annoyance," Heat forward Shane Battier said. "It's nice we don't have to deal with that anymore. ... It's about basketball and not all of the chicanery that went on."

tal of \$3,268,347 from that pool, a figure that would rise to \$4,104,811 by winning the NBA championship.

Miami will get a payout of \$2,795,220 if it does not win the finals, and \$3,631,684 if it wins the championship for the third straight year.

The pool pays out based on where teams finished in their conference in the regular season, which explains the discrepancy in what the Spurs and Heat have earned so far. There's also a difference of \$836,464 in what teams receive for winning or losing the finals. □

Donovan scores, Galaxy draw with Fire 1-1

BRIDGEVIEW, Illinois (AP) — Landon Donovan scored in the 74th minute to give the Los Angeles Galaxy a 1-1 draw with the Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer on Sunday. Donovan has scored three goals in two

games since he was left off the U.S. World Cup squad. Robbie Keane set up the goal after taking the ball from Fire midfielder Chris Ritter. The Galaxy's Robbie Rogers tracked down the ball to the right of the goal

and fed the wide-open Donovan on the left. Fire captain Jeff Larentowicz converted a penalty in the 68th minute.

At Portland, Oregon, Pedro Morales scored from a pair of penalties as Vancouver

held off Portland 4-3.

Erik Hurtado and Jordan Harvey also scored for the Whitecaps, who beat the Timbers for the first time since the two teams joined the MLS in 2011.

The loss ended a six-match

unbeaten streak for the Timbers, who got goals from Maximiliano Urruti, Gaston Fernandez and Will Johnson. Colorado's Deshorn Brown scored two goals in the Rapids' 3-0 victory over the Houston Dynamo. □

NL Capsules

4 solo HRs propel Reds past Diamondbacks 4-3

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PHOENIX (AP) — Chris Heisey hit a go-ahead homer in the fifth inning as the Cincinnati Reds connected four times in all, beating Arizona 4-3 on Sunday to take three of four from the Diamondbacks. Cincinnati led 3-0 after homers by Zack Cozart and Todd Frazier in the third and by Ryan Ludwick in the fourth. Arizona tied it with a three-run fourth, then Heisey's second home run of the season put the Reds on top for good.

Alfredo Simon (7-3) gave up three runs in 6 1-3 innings. Aroldis Chapman hit 103 mph on the Chase Field radar gun in a perfect ninth, earning his seventh save in eight opportunities. Wade Miley (3-6) allowed four home runs in a game for the first time in his career.

David Peralta singled twice in his major league debut for the Diamondbacks.

PIRATES 5, DODGERS 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Slumping Andrew McCutchen hit his first home run in over a month, doubled twice and scored two runs to help the Pirates beat the Dodgers and take three of four from the defending NL West champions.

Josh Harrison also homered and Pedro Alvarez drove in three runs, helping the Pirates win for the eighth time in 12 games.

Edinson Volquez (3-4) allowed two runs and five hits over five innings, striking out six and walking one. Jason Grilli, the fifth Pirates pitcher, got three outs for his eighth save and third of the series after giving up a pair of two-out walks and an RBI single by pinch-hitter Scott Van Slyke. It was the Dodgers only hit after Justin Turner's solo homer with one out in the fourth. Zack Greinke (8-2) gave up a season-worst four runs and five hits in seven innings and struck out seven. **BREWERS 9, CUBS 0**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kyle Lohse allowed only three hits and Ryan Braun had a two-run homer to lead



Cincinnati Reds' Billy Hamilton (6) slides safely into third base after advancing from first on a single by teammate Skip Schumaker as Arizona Diamondbacks' Martin Prado waits on the throw during the fourth inning of a baseball game on Saturday, May 31, 2014, in Phoenix.

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the Brewers to a rout of the Cubs.

Milwaukee pounded Cubs ace Jeff Samardzija (1-5) for eight earned runs in three innings, raising his ERA from 1.68 to 2.54.

Braun homered to left on the first pitch he saw from Samardzija, and the Brewers rolled from there with Samardzija having trouble locating his fastball. Lyle Overbay broke the game open with a three-run double in the third.

Lohse's RBI single drove in Overbay to make it 8-0 for the pitcher's second run-scoring hit of the game. Lohse (7-1) struck out six in Milwaukee's first complete game shutout this season.

BRAVES 4, MARLINS 2

MIAMI (AP) — Evan Gattis broke a ninth-inning tie with a two-run homer as the Braves completed a three-game sweep by beating the Marlins.

Shane Simmons, pitching in his second big league game, earned his first career save when he retired Christian Yelich with two on for the final out. Closer Craig Kimbrel was given

the day off because of a heavy recent workload.

The Braves pulled off the sweep after losing four consecutive games to Boston. Miami, which began the series tied with Atlanta atop the NL East, fell three games back.

The Marlins have lost four home games in a row but are still 20-11 at Marlins Park. **METS 4, PHILLIES 3**, 11 innings **PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Lucas Duda hit a two-run homer with two outs in the 11th, lifting the Mets over the Phillies in the third straight extra-innings game between the teams.

The Mets and Phillies split a pair of 14-inning games the previous two days.

Duda came off the bench in the 10th to play first base, then connected in the 11th as the Mets won for the fifth time in six games. The teams conclude their rare five-game series on Monday night.

Ryan Howard hit an early two-run homer for the Phillies. Marlon Byrd hit a solo shot in the 11th.

Josh Edgin (1-0) struck out the side in the 10th. Jenry

Mejia held on for his sixth save in six chances.

Phillippe Aumont (0-1), called up prior to the game to provide relief to the tired Philadelphia bullpen, walked Travis d'Arnaud with two outs and Duda homered.

GIANTS 8, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tim Hudson threw seven shutout innings and Joaquin Arias keyed a four-run first inning with a two-run single to lead the Giants to a win over the Cardinals.

The Giants have won five of six and have the best record in the NL at 37-20.

St. Louis has lost four of five. The Cardinals managed just four hits.

Hudson (6-2) gave up three hits, struck out six, and walked two in improving to 4-4 against St. Louis. Hudson's previous win against the Cardinals came on July 19, 2007, as a member of the Atlanta Braves. He retired the last 11 batters he faced.

INTERLEAGUE

RANGERS 2, NATIONALS 0

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yu Darvish struck out 12 over

eight innings and Leonys Martin broke open a scoreless duel with a homer in the seventh and the Rangers beat the Nationals to avert a three-game sweep. Pitching for the first time since May 22 after missing his last turn with a stiff neck, Darvish (5-2) gave up five hits and walked two in dropping his ERA to 2.08. The right-hander matched his season high in strikeouts and overpowered a team that amassed 19 runs in the first two games of the series. Joakim Soria worked a perfect ninth to earn his 11th save and seal Texas' major league-leading 11th shutout.

Martin hit an 0-1 pitch from Tanner Roark (3-4) into the Washington bullpen beyond the right-field wall.

In other NL games it was Cleveland 6, Colorado 4; Atlanta 4, Miami 2; N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings; Texas 2, Washington 0; Milwaukee 9, Chicago Cubs 0; Chicago White Sox 4, San Diego 1; San Francisco 8, St. Louis 0; Cincinnati 4, Arizona 3; and Pittsburgh 5, L.A. Dodgers 3.

Vulnerable? Bad back? Nadal keeps winning in Paris

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PARIS (AP) — Maybe, just maybe, Rafael Nadal was a tad vulnerable, the thinking went before this French Open. He had lost three times on his beloved red clay already this year, more defeats than he ever had on the surface before heading to Roland Garros. Then came an admission, after the Grand Slam tournament's third round, that his back was bothering him and slowing his serves. Well, leave it to the eight-time French Open champion's upcoming quarterfinal opponent — 2013 runner-up David Ferrer, one of the men who beat Nadal on clay this spring — to set the record straight.

"Rafael," Ferrer said, "is always the favorite."

Nadal certainly looked the part in the fourth round Monday, when he won 18 points in a row during one stretch en route to beating 83rd-ranked Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 for a record 32nd consecutive victory at the French Open.

That broke Nadal's own mark of 31 and moved him a step closer to a fifth straight title in Paris.

The No. 1-ranked Nadal, now 63-1 for his career at



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Serbia's Dusan Lajovic during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Monday, June 2, 2014.

the tournament, has won all 12 sets he's played in Paris in 2014, dropping a total of 23 games. He was asked whether he would have preferred a more taxing encounter by now.

"You never know what's better," replied Nadal, whose audience at Court Philippe Chatrier included musician Prince.

"But, in theory, the theory

says that it's better (to) win like this than win longer matches."

And his back? The one that flummoxed him during a loss in the Australian Open final in January, and then acted up Saturday, leading to an average first serve of 102 mph (165 kph) and top speed of 114 mph (184 kph)? It didn't appear to be as much of an issue against

Lajovic: Nadal averaged 107 mph (173 kph), with a high of 119 mph (192 kph). "My back can be pretty unpredictable," said Nadal, who wore thick vertical strips of athletic tape under his shirt. "I'm not lying. It's totally unpredictable. I don't want to speak too much about it." OK, then.

Now he takes on No. 5 Fer-

rer, who eliminated No. 19 Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Last year's French Open final is one of 21 losses for Ferrer in 27 matches against fellow Spaniard Nadal. But Ferrer won their most recent meeting in straight sets, on April 18 at the Monte Carlo Masters.

"Tactically, I will have to be perfect," Ferrer said. "I hope that I will instill some doubts in Rafa's mind, but if we play at our best level, both of us, he will be a better player."

The other quarterfinal on the top half of the draw will be Wimbledon champion Andy Murray against 23rd-seeded Gael Monfils of France.

No. 7 Murray beat No. 24 Fernando Verdasco of Spain 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (3) in a match marked by a wild third set. Verdasco held to get within 4-3 with an apparent service winner, but chair umpire Pascal Maria said that point should be replayed because a line judge called the ball out. That prompted Verdasco to begin berating Maria, shouting "Are you kidding me?" and saying he wanted a tournament supervisor to intervene — until Murray conceded the point.

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In this May 17, 2014 file photo, Atletico's David Villa celebrates at the end of a Spanish La Liga soccer match between FC Barcelona and Atletico Madrid at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain.

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NEW YORK (AP) — David Villa of Spain has signed a

three-year contract with New York City FC, becom-

David Villa signs 3-year deal with NYC of MLS

ing the first player on the expansion Major League Soccer team that starts play next season at Yankee Stadium.

"Throughout my career, I've always tried to keep pushing myself to achieve new targets, and this represents another important goal for me," Villa said in a statement Monday.

"I want to try and help MLS continue to grow, through playing, working hard, scoring goals and at the same time try to make New York City FC become the best team in the league."

NYCFC starts play in March, and the team plans to loan him to an unspecified club

to keep him in shape until training starts in the third week of January. Claudio Reyna, the team's director of football, said loaning Villa to NYCFC parent Manchester City was not an option.

The 32-year-old forward helped Spain win the 2008 European Championship and the 2010 World Cup. He is a member of his country's roster for next month's tournament.

He missed the 2012 Euros, which Spain also won, after breaking his left leg while playing for Barcelona in the Club World Cup. He holds Spain's record with 56 inter-

national goals.

MLS said Villa was acquired on a free transfer from Spanish league champion Atletico Madrid, where he scored 15 goals in 47 games in all competitions last season.

He previously played for Sporting Gijon (2001-03), Zaragoza (2003-05), Valencia (2005-10) and Barcelona (2010-13).

He helped Barcelona win the 2011 Champions League title.

Reyna wouldn't say whether NYCFC is interested in signing English midfielder Frank Lampard, who has been with Chelsea since the 2001-02 season.



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Kings beat Blackhawks 5-4 in Game 7

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AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Alec Martinez scored at 5:47 in overtime as the Los Angeles Kings beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals Sunday and advance to the Stanley Cup finals.

Martinez's shot went off Blackhawks defenseman Nick Leddy and over goalie Corey Crawford, stunning the sellout crowd at the United Center and leading to wild on-ice celebration for Los Angeles. Leddy was disconsolate as the Kings gathered in a big huddle along the boards.

Los Angeles improved to 7-0 in elimination games with its third Game 7 win on the road this postseason. It will host the New York Rangers in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals on Wednesday night.

"We've battled back so many times this year and

so many times in these playoffs, we said, 'Why not again today?'" said Justin Williams, who had a goal and an assist. "It was a total team effort, every single guy here giving everything they've got."

The Kings became the first team to play 21 games through the first three rounds of the playoffs and make it to the NHL finals. The 2002 Avalanche and 1993 Maple Leafs also played the maximum amount of games through three series, but they lost in Game 7 of the conference championships.

Los Angeles is the only team to play all three of those Game 7s on the road.

"You need everybody when you get to Game 7. You're not into the individual part of it," Kings coach Darryl Sutter said. "There's always guys that score big goals, make big plays. But you need everybody in

fight against Canelo Alvarez, and said recently that he was planning to regain control of the company now that he is sober.

"I have my vision and I have my plans," De La Hoya said last month, just hours before Mayweather fought Marcos Maidana. "Nobody is going to stop me from doing this. The company isn't called Golden Boy for nothing."

A spokesman for De La Hoya said the fighter was unavailable Monday to comment on Schaefer's departure.

In his statement, Schaefer



Los Angeles Kings right wing Dustin Brown (23) poses with NFL deputy commissioner Bill Daly with the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl after Los Angeles Kings defeated Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 in the overtime period in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals in the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Chicago.

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your lineup."

Tyler Toffoli had a goal and an assist for the Kings, who once held a 3-1 lead in the series, only to have the defending champion Blackhawks come back to force Game 7. Marian Gaborik had the tying score midway through the third period.

Patrick Sharp scored two

noted that he still remains a shareholder in the Los Angeles company and has a strong interest in its continued success. Golden Boy and Top Rank are by far the two biggest promoters in boxing, with Golden Boy aligned with the Showtime cable network and Top Rank with HBO.

De La Hoya started Golden Boy while he was still fighting and quickly built a strong stable of fighters. But it is Schaefer who most in boxing credit with keeping the company strong while in control of the day-to-day operations. □

goals for the Blackhawks, who blew a 2-0 lead. Brandon Saad had a goal and an assist, and Patrick Kane had two more assists. Chicago's loss means Detroit remains the last NHL team to win consecutive titles in 1997 and 1998.

"I've lost some tough games but nothing like tonight," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said.

The Kings also got 37 saves from Jonathan Quick in another resilient performance for Sutter's team. Los Angeles trailed San Jose 3-0 in its first-round series and was down 3-2 to top-seeded Anaheim in the second round before rallying each time. "It's just a great group to be part of," Quick said. "I feel very fortunate to be with the guys. Obviously our journey's not done yet and we've got a lot of work here coming up. New York's an awesome team. They beat great teams, so they're battle-tested as well so we've got a lot to

get ready for."

Gaborik, Williams and Mike Richards each improved to 7-0 in Game 7s. Sutter moved to 7-3 in such games, breaking a tie with Blackhawks adviser Scotty Bowman and Pat Burns for the NHL record for most coaching wins in Game 7s. Sharp sent a big power-play drive past Quick to give the Blackhawks a 4-3 lead at 18:25 of the second. But Gaborik responded with his NHL-best 12th playoff goal at 7:17 of the third, setting the stage for a frantic finish to regulation. Quick turned away prime opportunities for Sharp and Bryan Bickell before he made a terrific save on Andrew Shaw in the final seconds. Dustin Brown had a great rush to the net for Los Angeles that he nearly completed for a breathtaking score.

Jonathan Toews also scored for the Blackhawks, and Crawford finished with 27 saves. □

Golden Boy

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But Schaefer said he would never work with Arum or have fights between Golden Boy and the rival company.

Schaefer, who was a banker before joining with De La Hoya, has largely run Golden Boy in recent years while De La Hoya battled drug and alcohol addictions. De La Hoya went into rehab for a second time last September on the eve of Mayweather's

Stacy Lewis wins ShopRite LPGA Classic

By **DAVE ZEITLIN**
Associated Press

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J.
(AP) -- Stacy Lewis is back on top.

And this time, she's ready to stay there for a while.

Lewis won the ShopRite LPGA Classic on Sunday to take the top spot in the world ranking from Inbee Park, finishing with a 4-under 67 for a six-stroke victory.

No. 1 for four weeks early last year, Lewis ended Park's 59-week run in the top spot.

"It feels great," Lewis said. "I feel like I've played a lot of good, consistent golf over the last year and I felt like I deserve to be here. I didn't feel like I stumbled into it."

Lewis finished at 16-under 197 on the Bay Course at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club and earned \$225,000 for her second victory of the year and 10th overall. Also the 2012 winner at Seaview, she won the North Texas LPGA Shootout last month after finishing second six times in her previous 16 events



Stacy Lewis holds up the trophy after winning the ShopRite LPGA Classic golf tournament in Galloway Township, N.J., Sunday, June 1, 2014. Lewis shot 16-under-par, 197 to win the tournament.

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since winning the Women's British Open in August. She joins Sorenstam (1998, 2002, 2005), Juli Inkster (1986, 1988) and Betsy King (1987, 1995, 2001) as the

only multiple winners in the tournament. "That's a pretty good list of people there," Lewis said. "That's not too bad. Wow, that's really cool."

Christina Kim was second after a 72, marking her best finish since 2010.

Park closed with a 70 to tie for eighth at 7 under. She's winless in 10 tour starts this season after sweeping the first three majors last year and finishing the season with six victories.

"It is a little bit relief not to have the big heavy crown on my head," Park said. "It's not the end of the world."

Lewis finished a stroke off the tournament scoring record set by Annika Sorenstam in 1998 and 2005. The 29-year-old Texan opened with a 67 and had a 63 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Kim into the final round.

On Sunday, she was hardly threatened, using birdies on the third and fourth holes to open up a two-stroke lead before picking up two more consecutive birdies to open the back nine - holing a 25-foot putt on No. 10 and a 15-footer on No. 11.

Despite her first bogey in 42 holes at No. 12 and then missing two short putts on

No. 17 for another bogey, Lewis had built up enough of a cushion to cruise home with the largest margin of victory in the tournament's 26-year history.

"I don't know what it is about this place," Lewis said. "It's just really special to me. I've played some really good golf here, and it's just mind-boggling to think I have 10 wins."

Jennifer Johnson (72), Haeji Kang (69), Anna Nordqvist (70) and Gerina Piller (70) tied for third at 9 under.

Johnson opened with a course-record 62 and followed with 70 for a spot in Sunday's final pairing with Lewis and Kim. But the 22-year-old Californian had a double bogey and two bogeys on the back nine to fall out of contention. Kim had a run of three straight birdies on No. 9-11, but shot 3 over on the final seven holes, including a double bogey on 18.

"I hadn't been in contention in a while so I kind of forgot what it was like having nerves," Kim said. "And it kind of showed on the last hole."

Lewis smiled and pumped her fist to the crowd as she walked down the fairway at 18, relishing her new place atop the world ranking.

Her brief stay as No. 1 last year was a rocky one, with Lewis admitting that she had trouble dealing with the extra obligations that came with the top spot.

"With a good team of people around me," Lewis believes she's more prepared to handle those duties and be the face of the LPGA Tour.

"The last time it was taken away from me in an off-week when we weren't even playing, so I'm definitely just not going to take it for granted and really enjoy it this time. Now I know all the extra things that come along with it. But I'm ready for it this time."

Karrie Webb, last year's champion, tied for eighth after a 67. Third-ranked Lydia Ko bounced back from a second-round 75 to shoot 69 and finish at 1 under.

Pernice wins Principal Charity Classic

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AP Sports Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — For the second time in less than a year, Tom Pernice Jr. hit a crucial shot on the 17th hole on his way to a victory.

This time, Pernice needed one more big shot to secure the win.

Pernice birdied the second hole of a sudden-death playoff with Doug Garwood on Sunday to win the Champions Tour's Principal Charity Classic.

"I was calm all day. I played it with the right edge and I stroked it and it went right in the hole," Pernice said.

Pernice won for the third time on the 50-and-over tour, closing with a 3-under 69 to match Garwood at 12-under 204 at Wakonda Club.

Garwood, making only his fourth start of the season, birdied the final two holes of regulation for a 71.

They played the par-4 18th hole twice in the playoff. Pernice won with a putt from roughly 8 feet after they opened the playoff with matching pars.

Pernice's performance was reminiscent of the 3M Championship last August in Minnesota, when he made a 45-foot putt on No. 17 to win.

He chipped in from roughly 30 feet out to take the lead on Sunday, though Garwood matched that birdie and later forced a playoff.

"I really hit the ball good all week and really kept the ball in play in the fairway when I needed to and holed some key shots at key times," Pernice said.

Bill Glasson, Jay Haas, Mark Calcavecchia and Michael Allen finished a shot back. Glasson shot 64, Haas 67, Calcavecchia 70, and Allen 71.

Garwood opened the final round with a one-shot lead



Tom Pernice Jr. holds the trophy after winning the Champions Tour's Principal Charity Classic golf tournament, Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Des Moines, Iowa

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but needing to win to earn a full Champions Tour card for the next 12 months. A birdie putt from the fringe on the first hole seemed to portend well for his prospects.

But Garwood bogeyed three consecutive holes — after going par or better on the first 41 holes of the

tournament — and went into the back nine tied for first.

Garwood's fourth bogey of the round, on the par-5 13th hole, appeared to ruin his shot for a career-defining win. But Garwood rallied with clutch birdies on the last two holes to stay alive.

New Apple Mac, mobile features coming this fall

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple's Mac operating system will have easier ways to share and search, while the iOS software for iPhones and iPads is getting new features for keeping tabs on your health and controlling home devices.

Apple executive Craig Federighi said data from various fitness-related devices now live in silos, so you can't get a comprehensive picture of your health. He said that will change with HealthKit in iOS 8. Apple is also working with the Mayo Clinic to make sure your weight, calorie intake and other health metrics are within healthy ranges.

Apple is also making it easier for various devices to work together, even though the Mac and mobile systems are separate. You can share songs, movies and books you purchase with your entire family, and you can sync photos more easily across several devices. Macs and mobile gadgets will share more features, and you can exchange files between the two more easily and even make phone calls from your Mac.

The free updates will come this fall, though app developers get a test version Monday as the company opened its 25th annual developers conference in San Francisco.

Here are the highlights:
CHANGES TO MAC COMPUTERS:

— The next Mac system will be called Yosemite, after the national park, now that Apple is naming it after California locales rather than cats.

— You'll be able to search for content on the computer and on the Internet at once, similar to a feature available with Microsoft's Windows 8.

— Apple is expanding its iCloud storage service so that you can store and sync files of any type, not just the ones designed specifically for iCloud. It's similar to how other services such as Dropbox let you



Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks about iOS 8 at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco, Monday, June 2, 2014.
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work with the same files on multiple devices more easily.

— A Mail Drop feature will make it easier to send large files. Instead of pushing the entire file by email and overloading mail servers, the Mac will create a link that the recipient can click for the full file.

— The Mac's Safari Web browser will have more privacy controls and ways to share links more easily.

CHANGES TO IPHONES AND IPADS:

— Like the new Mac OS, the iOS 8 system will have a universal search tool to cover both your device and the Internet. It will also get the iCloud Drive service.

— The new software will sport interactive notifications, so you can respond to a message without having to leave another app. It will have new gestures, such as double tapping to see a list of frequent contacts.

— A QuickType keyboard promises predictive typing suggestions. For example, if you start typing, "Do you want to go to," the phone will suggest "dinner" or "movie" as the next word. Currently, the suggestions are limited to spelling corrections.

— iOS 8 will have a built-in health-management tool to help people track their vital signs, diet and sleep-

ing habits. Apple's chief rival, Samsung Electronics Co., incorporated fitness-related features in its latest flagship phone, the Galaxy S5, and announced plans last week for similar management tools.

— Apple announced new technology for controlling garage doors, thermostats and other home systems, although the company didn't say how all the pieces will be linked together through what it calls HomeKit.

— For developers, Apple announced the ability to sell app bundles at discounted prices. The fingerprint security system on the iPhone 5s also will be

accessible to apps written by outside parties, not just Apple functions such as unlocking the phone and verifying iTunes purchases.

WORKING TOGETHER:

— Apple's AirDrop feature, which has let you share files with other devices of the same type, will now let iPhones and Macs share directly with each other.

— A new Handoff feature will let you switch devices more easily, so you can start writing an email on a phone and finish on a Mac. And when your iPhone gets a call, you can answer it using the Mac as a speakerphone.

— The iMessage chat service will be broadened to

work better with Android and other competing phones.

ANNOUNCED EARLIER:

— Last week, Apple announced a deal to pay \$3 billion for Beats Electronics, a headphone and music streaming specialist. The deal brings rapper Dr. Dre and recording impresario Jimmy Iovine to under-terminated roles at Apple. During a demo Monday, Federighi placed a call to Dr. Dre to welcome him to Apple.

COMING SOON:

— Apple typically announces new iPhones in September and new iPads soon after that. Many analysts also believe the company will release an Internet-connected watch as part of Apple's expansion into wearable technology.

SILENT:

— Despite speculation, Apple didn't say anything about a long-awaited digital wallet that enables Apple to process payments on iPhones and iPads.

— Apple didn't provide an update on CarPlay, its project for embedding automobiles with some of the iPhone's main applications. But Apple did say it'll be possible to tap the Siri virtual assistant without pressing a button. Cars with built-in CarPlay services and radios that are compatible with CarPlay are both expected this year. □



Stephen Chick with Apple gives a demonstration of CarPlay in a Ferrari at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco, Monday, June 2, 2014.
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Stocks rise following revised manufacturing report

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed mostly higher on a quiet Monday following two reports that showed the manufacturing industries of the world's two largest economies expanded last month. Both the Dow Jones industrial average and the Stan-

The Institute for Supply management said U.S. manufacturing grew at a brisk pace last month, correcting its earlier statement that growth had slowed. The ISM said the correct number for its manufacturing index was 55.4 in May, in line with what economists were expecting. That's a better result than the 53.2 figure

a report that is so relied on each month. "It's a debacle, as far as ISM is concerned," said Tom di Galoma, head of fixed income rates at ED&F Man Capital. "It's hurt their credibility and it's going to take a while for that to recover." Investors also got some positive manufacturing

European Central Bank will announce its latest interest rate policy decision Thursday. Economists expect that companies hired 220,000 workers last month, and that the unemployment rate remained steady at 6.3 percent, according to FactSet. Other than the manufacturing reports, traders had little news to work with on Monday.

The real-estate investment trust Ventas said it would buy American Realty Capital Healthcare Trust in a \$2.6 billion cash-and-stock deal. The companies each own medical care offices along with other properties. A.R.C.'s stock rose 96 cents, or 10 percent, to \$10.91 while Ventas fell \$1.87, or 3 percent, to \$64.93.

Semiconductor maker Broadcom was the biggest advancer in the S&P 500, jumping \$2.97, or 9 percent, to \$34.84. The company said it is exploring options for its cellular chip business, which could include selling the division or shutting it down.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.53 percent from 2.48 percent on Friday. Even with the modest increase, bond yields are still trading near their lows for the year. Bond investors expect yields to remain at these levels for the foreseeable future.

"You're still looking at a global economic picture that needs a lot more growth," said Robert Tipp, chief investment strategist for Prudential Fixed Income. □

Marathon Oil sells Norway ops in \$2.7B deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Marathon Oil is selling its Norwegian business to Det Norske Oljeselskap ASA in a deal valued at about \$2.7 billion as it streamlines operations and hones its focus on the U.S.

Det Norske is buying the subsidiary Marathon Oil Norge AS, which comes with the Alvheim floating production, storage and offloading vessel, 10 company-run licenses and some non-operated licenses on the Norwegian Continental Shelf in the North Sea. Last year's net production in Norway averaged approximately 80,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Marathon anticipates approximately \$2.1 billion in net proceeds from the sale, after adjusting for debt, net working capital and interest.

ConocoPhillips and Marathon, both one-time oil majors, have made sizeable changes due to both the difficulty in which new energy sources can be found abroad, and changes in drilling technology that has made more gas and oil available at home.

ConocoPhillips completed a spin-off of its refining business in 2012 a year after Marathon effectively split in two by doing the same. ConocoPhillips plans to spend as much as \$3 billion over the next several years in the Bakken and Eagle Ford oil and gas fields in the U.S.

Marathon CEO Lee Tillman said the company has conducted \$6.2 billion of strategic divestitures, ramped up share buybacks, and increased activity in lucrative U.S. oil and gas plays in Eagle Ford, Bakken and Oklahoma Woodford formations, areas that have boomed due to new drilling techniques.

The company plans to use proceeds from the Norwegian sale to accelerate activity in the U.S. and for additional stock buybacks, Tillman said Monday. □



Trader Richard Cohen works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, June 2, 2014. Stocks closed mostly higher on a quiet Monday following two reports that showed the manufacturing industries of the world's two largest economies expanded last month.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

dard & Poor's 500 index were able to set record highs for a second trading day in a row.

The Dow rose 26.46 points, or 0.2 percent, to 16,743.63. The S&P 500 rose 1.40 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,924.97 and the Nasdaq composite fell 5.42 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,237.20.

that ISM initially reported. The ISM manufacturing report is one of two closely watched reports each month, second only to the government's monthly survey of the job market. To see major revisions to such a report the day it's released was highly unusual, traders said, especially for

news out of Asia. A Chinese manufacturing index edged up to 50.8 in May from 50.4 in April.

Asian stocks rose on the report. Japan's Nikkei rose 2.1 percent Monday. Trading is expected to be quiet until later this week. Investors will get the May jobs report Friday, and the

Ventas buying ARC Capital Healthcare in \$2.6B deal

NEW YORK (AP) Real estate investment trust Ventas is purchasing American Realty Capital Healthcare Trust Inc. in a cash-and-stock deal that the companies valued at about \$2.6 billion. The companies each own medical care offices as well as other real estate properties.

Ventas Inc. will pay \$11.33 per ARC Healthcare share, a 14 percent premium to its Friday closing price of \$9.95.

ARC Healthcare sharehold-

ers can choose to receive 0.1688 Ventas common shares or \$11.33 in cash for each common share of ARC Healthcare they own. The cash portion of the deal is subject to a cap of 10 percent of ARC Healthcare's outstanding shares. ARC Healthcare stockholders are expected to own approximately 8 percent of Ventas' 321 million outstanding shares once the acquisition is complete.

Both companies unanimously approved the trans-

action, which is targeted to close in the fourth quarter. It still needs approval from ARC Healthcare stockholders. ARC Healthcare's stock surged \$1.10, or 11.1 percent to \$11.05 in morning trading Monday. Ventas shares fell \$1.45, or 2.2 percent, to \$65.35.

Ventas also announced that it is buying 29 independent living seniors housing communities in Canada from Holiday Retirement for \$980 million Canadian dollars (approximately \$900

million) in cash. That deal is expected to close in the third quarter.

The transactions are expected to be immediately add to Ventas's 2015 normalized funds from operations by at least 10 cents per share. Funds from operations, or FFO, are considered key to measuring the financial performance of real estate investment trusts. FFO adds items such as amortization and depreciation back to net income. □

Proxy fight looms in Allergan-Valeant dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — Activist investor Bill Ackman said Monday that he will move to replace most of Allergan's board of directors as part of a continuing battle for control of the company. Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management and Canadian drugmaker Valeant Pharmaceuticals

want to buy Allergan, but the company has rejected their offers. Ackman now wants to call a special shareholder meeting where a vote would be held to replace most of Allergan's board members. The meeting could happen between early August and late November if enough

shareholders back Ackman's call. Botox-maker Allergan urged shareholders to hold off taking action on Ackman's proposal while the company's board weighs the latest buyout offer. Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. and Pershing Square made an un-

solicited offer to buy Allergan for \$45.6 billion in April and have raised it twice. Their latest offer, issued Friday, amounts to \$53 billion in cash and Valeant stock. It includes \$72 per share in cash for each Allergan share, and Pershing Square says it will not receive any cash if the deal goes

through. Allergan is based in Irvine, California, and its products also include the dry-eye treatment Restasis. Shares of Allergan Inc. rose \$4.61, or 2.8 percent, to \$172.07 in afternoon trading. Valeant's U.S.-traded stock rose \$2.45, or 1.8 percent, to \$133.66. □

US construction spending up 0.2 percent in April

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. construction spending posted modest gains in April, driven by an uptick in home building and government construction that lifted total activity to the highest level in five years. Construction spending rose 0.2 percent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$953.5 billion, the strongest performance since March 2009, the Commerce Department said Monday. The April increase was lower than economists had expected. But the government revised March activity higher to a 0.6 percent gain, up from an initial estimate of a 0.2 percent increase. The small April improvement, combined with the strong gain in March, suggest that the construction industry is recovering from the harsh winter and will provide a boost to growth in the months ahead. "This was mostly a good report," IHS Global Insight

economists Stephanie Karol and Patrick Newport said in an analyst note. "Core construction, the piece of the report which affects

the third straight increase after the weather pushed spending down 0.4 percent in January. Construction activity dragged the

traced at an annual rate of 1 percent in the January-March quarter. Analysts estimate growth to recover to a rate of around 3.8 per-

ing. Other sectors including construction should also bounce back. In April, residential construction edged up 0.1 percent. It was the lowest monthly gain since an outright decline last October. However, the small increase followed strong gains over the past five months and was enough to lift spending on housing to a seasonally adjusted \$378.5 billion, the highest level since March 2008. Spending on single-family home construction was up 1.3 percent, while spending on apartment construction rose 2.7 percent. Only the remodeling sector, which accounts for 40 percent of the total, posted a decline, falling 2.2 percent. Spending on non-residential projects fell 0.1 percent to an annual rate of \$308 billion, with weakness in the communications industry, where activity dropped 11.7 percent. Spending on hotels, office buildings and shopping centers all showed gains. □



Welders connect iron support bars during construction inside the cavern of the Second Avenue subway tunnel at 86th Street, in New York. The Commerce Department released positive construction spending data for April, on Monday, June 2, 2014.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

GDP, advanced 0.6 percent, the largest gain since December." The April figure marked

overall economy in the first quarter when gross domestic product actually shrank. The overall economy con-

cent in the April-June period. The expectation is that strong gains in hiring will help lift consumer spend-

Etihad Airways nears deal for a stake in Alitalia

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PARIS - After more than five months of negotiations, Etihad Airways of Abu Dhabi confirmed that it was nearing an agreement that could lead to a sizable investment in Alitalia. In a joint statement, the airlines said Etihad would formally submit a letter to Alitalia's board in the coming days detailing the conditions of a nonbinding offer for a stake of up to 49 percent of the money-losing Italian airline, which re-

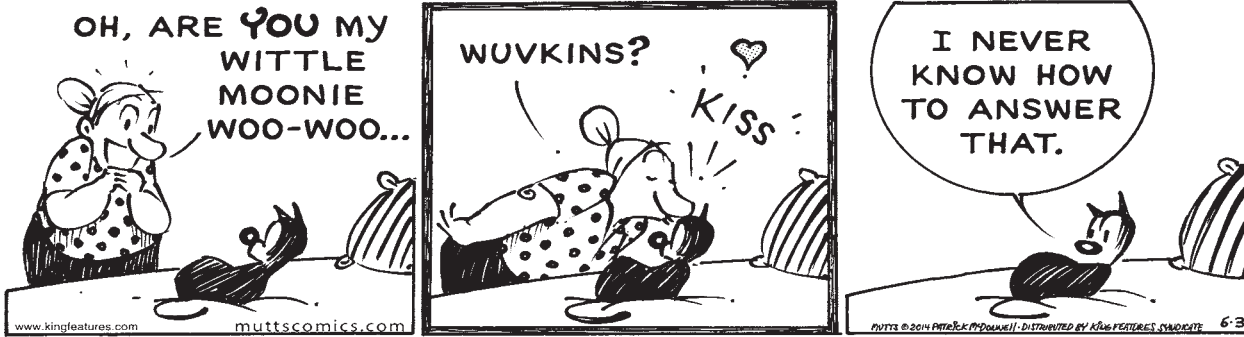
ceived a 500 million euro, or \$682 million, government-led bailout late last year. "We are delighted to be able to move forward with this process and look forward to the successful conclusion of the proposed transaction with Alitalia," said James Hogan, Etihad's chief executive. Neither airline would discuss the terms of Etihad's planned offer or comment on recent Italian media reports about the deal. Those reports have suggested that Etihad is prepared to

pay as much as 560 million euros for the stake, which under the European Union's rules on airline ownership must be capped at 49 percent. According to the reports, Etihad has asked a consortium of banks led by Intesa Sanpaolo and UniCredit, which own substantial stakes in the airline, to write down up to 565 million euros of the airline's more than 800 million euros in outstanding debt. It also intends to cut as many as 3,000 jobs from Alitalia's

workforce of about 14,000. Until now, a restructuring of Alitalia's debt has been the largest sticking point in a deal between the two airlines. The banks' reluctance to write off debt led Air France-KLM, which previously owned 25 percent of Alitalia, to bow out of the rescue package last year. The French-Dutch carrier ultimately allowed its stake in Alitalia to shrink to 7 percent. Over the past five years, Alitalia, which is not publicly

traded, has cut costs, renegotiated contracts with workers and suppliers, and shed assets in a desperate bid to keep flying. But Italy's grinding economic crisis, high fuel costs and competition from low-cost rivals have overwhelmed the carrier's turnaround efforts. In October the government of former Prime Minister Enrico Letta brokered a 500 million euro rescue that involved the purchase of a 12 percent stake in Alitalia by Italy's state-owned post office. □

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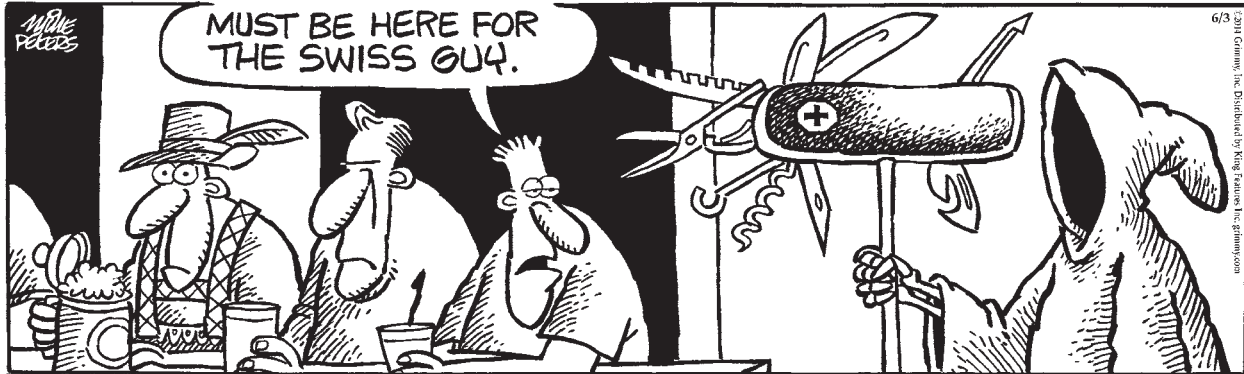
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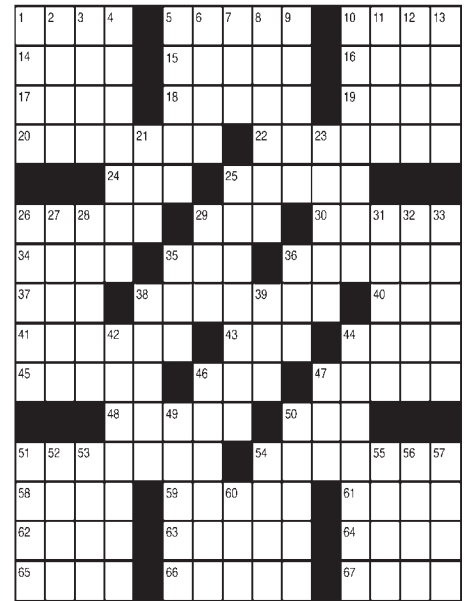
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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14 __ rug; small carpet
15 Verboten
16 Scotch and __; bar order
17 Male children
18 Award for a film
19 Air pollution
20 Junior naval officers
22 Morbid
24 Needle's hole
25 Late Indian prime minister
26 Muscle cramp
29 Nourished
30 Stomach woe
34 Group of actors
35 Pork product
36 Part of the eye
37 Social insect
38 Having dire consequences
40 Quayle or Rather
41 Daughters of one's brother
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44 Actor Gregory
45 "Get lost!"
46 Broadcast
47 Lahr and Parks
48 Oahu feasts
50 Split __ soup
51 Validates; declares true
54 Trapdoors
58 Spill the beans
59 Upper room
61 Throw with force
62 Geneva or Superior
63 Sifting device
64 Frozen waffle
65 Pitcher
66 Derisive smile
67 Small store



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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26 Looks over quickly
27 Overwhelming fear
28 Fall flower
29 Rotund
31 Apple drink
32 __ legislation; make laws
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35 Possesses
36 Massage
38 Leg bone

GRAVE	FRAU	CARS
LOGIC	EARN	OBIT
USERS	ATMS	LONE
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55 Downs or Grant
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Jamaica literary festival draws top-flight authors

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TREASURE BEACH, Jamaica (AP) — Best-selling authors take to a seaside stage, bottles of Red Stripe beer in hand. Budding writers line up to read their works to a big, appreciative audience. Book-loving islanders and tourists mingle with literary luminaries as the sun sets over the Caribbean Sea.

It's the Calabash International Literary Festival, Jamaica's unique, spirited take on the world of literary gatherings, and the biennial event held over the weekend has been getting bigger at each staging. Since 2001, the tiny, laid-back beach town of Treasure Beach in arid southern Jamaica has been home to the festival, attracting Nobel laureates



Acclaimed novelist Salman Rushdie is shown on a stage discussing his life and work for an appreciate audience of book-loving Jamaicans and tourists in Treasure Beach, Jamaica, Saturday, May 31, 2014.

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The cover of a large facsimile of a Jamaican book is shown propped against a decorative wall in Treasure Beach, Jamaica, Sunday, June 1, 2014.

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and a slew of other acclaimed writers. From modest beginnings, Calabash has grown into a major international literary event.

One of its three founders, Jamaican novelist Colin Channer, has dubbed the three-day celebration of writing as the "greatest little festival in the greatest little district in the greatest little country in the world."

This year, authors Salman Rushdie, Zadie Smith, Jamaica Kincaid and Colum McCann were among the novelists and poets participating in readings and themed discussions in between reggae- and rap-fueled celebrations and beachside socializing. The festival, free of charge and open to anyone, started Friday and

ran through Sunday evening. Kincaid, an Antigua-born novelist and essayist, said the festival has given the people of the Caribbean a top-flight literary event in a part of the world where storytelling and creativity with language has always been prized.

"Among all the other things we do, black people also make literature. We are very imaginative, literate people. The problem has always been access. That's why this event is so inspiring," she said by the saltwater pool at Jake's, a hotel that's a collection of funky, colorful cottages that hosts the celebration every two years.

Rushdie said it's no wonder that Calabash has steadily earned a name as a festival of choice for some of the world's

most gifted authors. "It is an extraordinary event. The audience is big, extremely appreciative, very focused. And the setting is spectacular," he told The Associated Press on Sunday, a day after he took to the stage to discuss his writings and career in front of an eager, diverse crowd of a few thousand people. Rushdie's works include the Booker Prize-winning "Midnight's Children" and the best-selling "The Satanic Verses," which some Muslims consider blasphemous. A fatwa, or Islamic edict, was issued against Rushdie in 1989 by Iran's late revolutionary

leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, which forced Rushdie into hiding under British police protection for years. Just two years ago, an Indian literary festival canceled a video conference with Rushdie after threats of violence. But in Jamaica, the author strolled around freely and chatted with people. It's the easygoing, accessible vibe of Calabash that entices well-known writers to come without their normal speaking fees, said Kwame Dawes, a Jamaican poet who co-founded the festival with Channer and filmmaker Justine Henzell. □



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Study: People fear male-named hurricanes more

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — People are slightly less likely to flee an oncoming storm with a feminine name than a masculine one, a new study finds.

But hurricanes with feminine names turn out to be deadlier in the United States than their more macho-sounding counterparts, probably because their monikers make people underestimate their danger, the researchers conclude.

In fact, the two deadliest storms to make landfall in the U.S. since 1979, when male names were introduced, were named Katrina and Sandy.

The study, which didn't involve any experts in meteorology or disaster science, is published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Atlantic hurricane season started Sunday. In six different experiments, more than 1,000 test subjects told behavioral scientists at the University of Illinois in Champaign that they were slightly more likely to evacuate from an oncoming storm named Christopher than Christina, Victor than Victoria, Alexander than Alexandra and Danny than Kate. They found female names less frightening.

"People are looking for meaning in any informa-



This Aug. 30, 2005 file photo shows floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina covering a portion of New Orleans.

Associated Press

tion that they receive," said study co-author Sharon Shavitt, a professor of marketing. "The name of the storm is providing people with irrelevant information that they actually use." Shavitt said both men and women rated female storms less scary and they both "are likely to believe that women are milder and less aggressive." It fits with other research about gender perception differences, she said. Sandy, while it can also be a male name, was chosen as a female name by weather authorities in 2012. Shavitt

said it also ranked as rather feminine when she asked a small group of people to assess names on a masculine-feminine scale.

Hurricane and disaster science experts, such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Kerry Emanuel, were skeptical at first.

Then after more consideration some but not all found merit in the work, noting that it is more about psychology rather than physical science.

Emanuel said confusion over whether 2012's Sandy was called a hurricane or post-tropical storm did cause confusion, so maybe names could make a difference too.

He joked that maybe names matter and perhaps meteorologists should start using scarier-sounding ones like Jack-the-Ripper or King Kong.

But Susan Cutter, director of the University of South Carolina's Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute, dismissed the idea that female-named storms are deadlier. She considered the study results just coincidence.

To examine past death rates, Shavitt and doctoral student Kiju Jung used Shavitt's scale that rated names from 1 to 11 in terms of masculinity and femininity.

They looked at death rates going back to 1950 and found that, in general, the deadlier storms were more feminine.

However, male-named storms weren't introduced until 1979. Only female names were used for storms from 1953 to 1978. From 1950 to 1952, military-style phonetic names (like Able, Baker, Charlie) were used

and before that, there were no official names for storms.

While since 1979, female storms have been deadlier — even with the outlier of Katrina removed — the sample size is so small that the trend from 1979 is not statistically significant.

But it is significant when combined with data from 1950, Shavitt said.

Also telling is that the amount of damages is not much different between male and female storms, indicating the big difference is not the size of the storm but how people react to it, Jung said.

This year's hurricane names will be Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gonzalo, Hanna, Isaias, Josephine, Kyle, Laura, Marco, Nana, Omar, Paulette, Rene, Sally, Teddy, Vicky and Wilfred. □

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This May 15, 2014 file photo shows Lupita Nyong'o at the IFP and Calvin Klein Women In Film Party at the 67th international film festival, Cannes, southern France.

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Lupita Nyong'o joins 'Star Wars' cast

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar-winner Lupita Nyong'o is joining the cast of "Star Wars: Episode VII."

The lack of women in the sci-fi series' first sequel raised some attention when the cast was announced last month. On Monday, the Walt Disney Co. announced that the 31-year-old Mexican-born Kenyan actress was joining along with Gwendoline Christie, best known for playing the hulking Brienne of Tarth on HBO's "Game of Thrones." Nyong'o became a breakthrough star for her award-winning performance in "12 Years a Slave."

Nyong'o and Christie join an ensemble that includes John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac and Andy Serkis. Original stars Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill return.

Production is underway for the film, which is being directed by J.J. Abrams. It's slated to open in December 2015.

Oliver Stone to write, direct Edward Snowden film

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AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oliver Stone will write and direct a film about Edward Snowden, one of two high-profile films in the works about the National Security Agency leaker. Stone announced Monday that he plans to adapt "The Snowden Files: The Inside Story of the World's Most Wanted Man," a book by Guardian journalist Luke Harding. The project pairs one of cinema's most controversial directors with one of the most explosive news events in recent years — one that is ongoing.

"This is one of the greatest stories of our time," Stone said in a statement. He added that making such a film is "a real challenge."

He will have some deep-pocketed competition. Sony Pictures last month purchased the big-screen rights to Glenn Greenwald's "No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA and the U.S. Surveillance State." The film is being produced by James Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson.

Miranda Lambert examines life at 30 on new album

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AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Miranda Lambert has learned something about human nature since becoming one of country music's most identifiable stars.

"People are very, very mean," she says of the tabloids that have made sport of her life, her looks and her marriage since her husband, Blake Shelton, joined NBC's musical competition "The Voice" as a celebrity coach. Lambert's wild ride over the last two years is all over her ambitious, sprawling new album, "Platinum." The 30-year-old lays bare her life in many ways on songs that examine the darker aspects of celebrity, and she shows the tabloids have been getting everything wrong.

"There are people who literally, their only job is to make other people miserable, and that's a terrible way to live your life," said Lambert, the top nominee at Wednesday's CMT Music Awards (8 p.m. EDT). She also has a starring spot at the CMA Music Festival in Nashville, which begins Thursday.

Lambert's multifaceted



In this April 6, 2014 file photo, Miranda Lambert poses in the press room with the awards for vocal event of the year, female vocalist of the year and single record of the year at the 49th annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

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musical reaction to the gossip press helps make "Platinum," out this week, her most diverse album yet. It heads in many directions musically, from the rock 'n' roll of "Priscilla," "Girls" and "Little Red Wagon" to the singer-songwriter self-reflection of "Bathroom Sink" and "Hard Staying Sober." "Priscilla" takes on the tabloids directly. In the song, Lambert identifies with Priscilla Presley and the troubles she must have experienced in her life with Elvis. The song resulted from a catch-up session between

Lambert and songwriter Natalie Hemby as Lambert gathered material for "Platinum."

"When I get to write with her I think she just lets her hair down," Hemby said. "She doesn't have to be Miranda. I've known her before she was big and famous ... and I asked how she was doing. She said, 'According to the press I'm pregnant or I'm fat or I'm getting divorced.' It just went on and on and I just kind of laughed and said, 'Well, then you must be really successful.'"

Joel Osteen gets his own SiriusXM channel



This April 24, 2010 file photo shows Lake-wood Church pastor Joel Osteen at Dodger Stadium during his "A Night of Hope" in Los Angeles.

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas pastor Joel

Osteen is getting his own channel on SiriusXM satellite radio, which will air his sermon at Yankee Stadium this Saturday live nationally.

Osteen, who preaches to 40,000 people each week at Houston's Lakewood megachurch, already shows his messages on the Trinity religious TV network and other television stations across the country. The new SiriusXM channel will feature live call-in shows hosted by Osteen and his wife, fellow Lakewood pastor Victoria Osteen, along with rebroadcasts of Osteen's past sermons.

"It's another way to get our message out," Osteen said.

He said SiriusXM approached him about five years ago with the idea but the time wasn't right.

"Five years ago we were still growing," said Osteen, who studied television and radio at Oral Roberts University. "

Writer John Green on Hollywood and teen whispering

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When "The Fault in Our Stars" landed on bookshelves more than two years ago, John Green's enthusiasm was nonexistent for a screen version of his story featuring teens with cancer.

"I had had some Hollywood experiences before that weren't great and I felt like Hollywood would struggle to make a movie where the female romantic lead has nasal cannula tubes in her nose for the entire movie," he said.

Well, hello 2014 and Monday night's premiere of "TFIOS," the movie. It's the first of Green's best-selling books to go Hollywood after he was won over by the script's dedication to his characters in the clutches of adolescence. Oh, and it didn't hurt that one of the producers was a huge Liverpool soccer club fan like Green.

Already a rock star among young readers, mostly of the teen girl variety, the Orlando, Florida-raised Green, the guy who looks straight out of central casting as Unassuming Writer,



John Green, author of "The Fault in Our Stars," poses during an interview in New York on Monday, June 2, 2014. The book has been adapted into a feature film starring Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort.

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now walks red carpets, clowns on morning TV and banters with new BFF Nat Wolff and the movie's other young stars, Shailene Woodley and newcomer Ansel Elgort.

In his plaid button-down shirt and conservative suit jacket, it was the bespectacled, 36-year-old Green — not the hunky, younger Wolff — who got the loudest screams Saturday from several hundred girls who made their way to the publishing industry's annual

BookExpo America.

Green leapt off the stage of the stuffed conference hall to bear-hug a 16-year-old amputee, Robert Berger of Damerest, New Jersey. Berger, a high school sophomore with a prosthetic like "TFIOS" love interest Gus Waters, made his way to a microphone to offer: "I'd like to thank you, John, for answering a lifelong question of mine, which is, whether during sex, I keep my leg on or off."

Green, a father of two, is

ever respectful of Berger and his other "nerdfighters," the community of fans worldwide who have led him to Hollywood's door and greet each other with his tagline: "Don't Forget to Be Awesome!" They even have a special thing they do with their arms, crossing at the chest and spreading their fingers in twos. You sort of have to be there.

He was vigilant as a presence on the movie's set, sobbing when the filmmakers got it right and cheering on Woodley, Elgort and Wolff, who is slated to star in the next stop on Green's big screen journey for his "Paper Towns."

So, can Green hold on to his mojo? His is the kind of authenticity among young people that led a headline writer at The New Yorker to dub him the "Teen Whisperer." Green doesn't love that term. "I don't whisper to teens very often. I think whispering to teens would be weird and creepy," he joked. "I love talking to teenagers. I love making stuff for teenagers and making stuff with them."

Green was an early YouTube. He has a rapid-fire

delivery in an ongoing series of videos he exchanges with his brother Hank, who lives in Montana. Their Vlogbrothers channel has attracted millions and showcases Green's goofy side (like smearing his face with peanut butter) as he weighs in on everything from Hitler's sex life to how to stamp out bullying.

The brothers also put up "Crash Course" videos accompanied by cartoonish graphics to help older kids cram for school on the sciences and humanities. They're now used by thousands of teachers.

But until now, Green's off-the-page life has been exclusively small screen. Does the writer part of his brain now need to make peace with his developing big-screen brain?

"I hope that I'm not developing a Hollywood brain, to be honest with you. I love books. I love writing books. I love movies, too, but I am a book writer and if I'm lucky enough to be able to work with people who are great at making movies then I feel very fortunate, but I have no desire to become a movie person," he said.



In this May 14, 2013 file photo, one of several small drones designed for use by law enforcement and first responders is shown at University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it is considering giving permission to seven movie and television filming companies to use unmanned aircraft for aerial photog-

raphy, a potentially significant step that could lead to greater relaxation of the agency's ban on commercial use of drones.

The companies that have filed petitions to receive exemptions are Aerial MOB LLC, Astraeus Aerial, Flying-Cam Inc., HeliVideo

U.S. considers approving drones for filming movies

Productions LLC, Pictorvision Inc., Vortex Aerial, and Snaproll Media LLC, the FAA said in a statement. To receive the exemptions, the companies must show their drone operations won't harm safety, and would be in the public interest.

Drones offer the movie and television industries "an innovative and safer option for filming," said Neil Fried, senior vice president for the Motion Picture Association of America.

"This new tool for storytellers will allow for creative and exciting aerial shots, and is the latest in a myriad of new technologies being used by our industry to further enhance the viewer experience," he said in a statement.

Currently, no commercial drone flights are permitted in U.S. with the lone exception of flights off the Alaskan coast over the Arctic Ocean by the Conoco Phillips oil company. The FAA only granted permission for those flights after Congress told the agency to start permitting flights in the Arctic region.

The FAA has been under intense pressure from Congress and industry to allow commercial drone flights to do work that in many cases is too dirty, dull, or dangerous for manned aircraft. Drones are also often less expensive to operate than manned aircraft. The agency has been working for the past decade on safety regulations to permit widespread commercial drone

use, but has repeatedly delayed issuing regulations. The FAA's current timetable calls for releasing proposed regulations for operating small drones — usually defined as weighing less than 55 pounds (25 kilograms) — by November.

It would take at least months, and possibly years, after that to make the regulations final.

FAA officials caution that rushing to gain the economic and other benefits of drones could put manned aircraft at risk. U.S. skies have more aircraft and more varied types of aircraft and aircraft operations than anywhere else in the world, and integrating their operations with unmanned aircraft is a complex business, they say.

Amazon's 'Bullying' Tactics



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A strong contender for quote of the month comes from Dennis Loy Johnson, of the small publishing firm Melville House. "How is this not extortion?" he said to David Streitfeld and Melissa Eddy of The Times, in a story published last week. "You know, that thing that is illegal when the Mafia does it." He was referring to Amazon.

As you've undoubtedly heard, Amazon and Hachette, the big publishing house, are in a pricing dispute. Pricing disputes, of course, take place all the time, but they don't usually include accusations of extortion. Wal-Mart became a giant, low-cost retailer by constantly squeezing its suppliers for better - i.e. lower - prices. Cable companies regularly get into pricing squabbles with television networks. Even in the book business, pricing disputes are not uncommon. In its heyday, Barnes & Noble was constantly fighting with publishers to get better prices, so it could offer bigger discounts on best-selling books.

But Barnes & Noble never had the kind of power that Amazon has. Publishers Weekly reports that in March, Amazon commanded 41 percent of all new books sold, and a staggering 65 percent of all online books sold, whether print or digital, according to research conducted by the Codex Group. Borders, a once-viable bookseller, is gone. Barnes & Noble has never been terribly successful as an online store, and its Nook e-reader is a dismal failure. Independent booksellers have been marginalized.

Over the years, as Amazon became increasingly powerful, publishers began whispering about how someday that power would be abused. Amazon has always pushed hard for the lowest price possible, but what would happen if it truly became a monopoly? Wouldn't it then be able to raise prices at will, hurting book buyers? As its dispute with Hachette illustrates, Amazon is more than willing to flex its powerful muscles. It can now take weeks instead of days to get a Hachette-published book from Amazon. Amazon won't allow customers to pre-order Hachette books before they are published. This week, Amazon put out a statement acknowledging that it was doing these things because of the dispute.

But its goal is not to raise prices, which is contrary to Amazon's pro-consumer culture. Instead, it is trying to upend the economic model that has long sustained book publishers. No wonder the stakes feel so high, and the fear and loathing so palpable.

The story really began some years ago, when Amazon began issuing a standard price for e-books of \$9.99 - in some cases selling below cost. Publishers feared that they would become locked into the \$9.99 price the same way the music industry had been locked into 99-cent songs by Apple's iTunes service. They fought back by joining forces with Apple, cutting preferable deals to participate in Apple's e-book-selling service, and then forcing Amazon to go along with the same terms. E-book prices quickly rose.

Unfortunately for the publishers, their brilliant idea turned out to be an illegal conspiracy, and the government forced them to settle on terms that had the effect of boosting Amazon. Although Amazon has not entirely reverted back to \$9.99 e-books, it could if it wanted to, and it has in some cases. In other cases - especially with self-published books or romances - e-book prices are down to \$5.99 and even \$2.99. "There is a strong gravitational pull downward," said one publisher (who did not want to be quoted, fearing Amazon's wrath).

The way I hear it, what Amazon is insisting upon is a deal where it would no longer have to bear the full brunt of its discounting - the publisher would have to bear some of it, in the form of tighter margins, or even losses. Hachette, meanwhile, contends that it needs to be compensated for the important things publishers do: editing, marketing, and curating.

This is an argument that may appeal to the cultural elite, but it is unlikely to move Jeff Bezos, Amazon's founder and chief executive. Publishers, he has been known to say, are gatekeepers. "Even well-meaning gatekeepers slow innovation," he wrote in his 2011 letter to shareholders, according to Brad Stone, the author of a recent book about Amazon, "The Everything Store." No matter what you think of Amazon's tactics, they surely don't violate any laws. It is acting the way hardheaded companies usually act - inflicting some pain on the party in a dispute to move it toward resolution. On some level, the book industry has never fit comfortably in the contours of big business. But over the years, as one house after another was bought by conglomerates, as they merged with each other, as they tried to increase profits with the kind of regularity that pleases Wall Street, they began the process of commoditizing books.

Jeff Bezos? He's only taking that process to its logical extreme. □



Excitement Mounts! Sort Of



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We've learned so much this election season. True, almost nobody has noticed yet that there's been voting. But trust me, the lessons are mounting.

For instance, in Texas this week, the Tea Party had a wave of triumphs in critical primary runoffs. We thought the Tea Party was dead! What happened? The secret may lie somewhere in the wave of political excitement that swept through the state and drew an energized 7 percent of registered voters to the polls.

Yes! Around 1 out of 13 voters showed up in Texas, and our first lesson is that strange things happen when you hold an election and nobody comes. You can, for instance, wind up with a hard-right nominee for attorney general who violated state securities regulations and then excused himself by pointing out that the law was "very complicated." Or you can discover another major line on the ballot is going to a guy who once boycotted the prayer in the state Senate when it was offered by a Muslim cleric. That would be Dan Patrick, the new Republican nominee for Texas lieutenant governor, who ran as "a Christian first, a conservative second and a Republican third." The lieutenant governor is, admittedly, not a job that most people get concerned about. In New York, our lieutenant governor is Bob. But Texas is different. This is possibly the most power-

ful office in the state, and the Republicans have nominated a man to fill it who once claimed Texas was being threatened with "third world diseases" like leprosy from an invasion of illegal immigrants.

The incumbent, David Dewhurst, is an establishment Republican who tried desperately to morph into a cool, far-right candidate. He ran a final campaign ad that was heavy on production values, most of them apparently borrowed from "Saturday Night Fever." You could imagine John Travolta in a white suit, strutting down the street while the singers cried: "Deeeewwww - hurst!" The rest of the lyrics informed those listeners who had not already jumped up to do The Hustle that Dewhurst was "Savin' babies. Protecting ladies. The most pro-life candidate!"

Amazingly, the ad did not cause hordes of voters to leap up and race to save Dewhurst's career. Lesson two: Disco is dead.

In Texas, as in almost all the other states, this year's big primaries involved Republicans. There have hardly been any exciting Democratic fights at all. Perhaps this is because Democrats are so happy with their current situation that they cannot see any possible road to improvement.

The Texas Democrats, whose own primaries drew an outpouring of 1.47 percent of all registered voters, were thrilled by the bizarre cast of characters they're going to get to run against. How do you feel about that, people? Personally, I think people should always root for the sanest candidate from every party. Because you never know who you're going to get stuck with in the end.

Next week, we move on to Mississippi, where Republicans will continue to work on the quandary over how old is too old to be a member of Congress. In Texas, they decided that 91 was past the cutoff line, tossing out Rep. Ralph Hall in favor of a 48-year-old former federal pros-

ecutor. Hall described himself as "healthy as a radish," which makes you sorry to see him go. In a post-defeat interview with The Dallas Morning News, he vowed to spend his last six months in office battling to repeal Obamacare, which makes you sort of sigh and lose interest in the whole affair.

In Mississippi, the candidate in question is Sen. Thad Cochran, 76, who's being attacked as "out of touch." In Washington, Cochran is famous for his determination to scoop up every conceivable piece of government cash for his state. (If you're wondering why a federal program for whaling museums had some money in it for the Choctaw Indian tribe in Mississippi, ask the senior senator.)

His opponent, Chris McDaniel, is a state legislator who once had a radio conversation about our neighbors to the south in which he recommended using "Mamacita" as an all-purpose pickup line. ("I think it basically means 'Hey, hot mama.'")

If the real issue was ever about age - and Cochran is pretty much still a sprout by Senate standards - McDaniel changed the subject after one of his supporters was charged with sneaking into a nursing home and taking pictures of the senator's 72-year-old wife, who has dementia. There seems to be universal agreement that this was a stupendously bad plan.

Instead, McDaniel's big argument, which has won him huge backing from conservative groups like Club for Growth, is that Cochran votes for "wasteful spending" and Mississippi needs a senator who will "get the government off your back."

That's our final lesson. If McDaniel does win, the nation should honor the clear preference of Mississippians and stop giving them \$3 back in federal money for every \$1 they send to Washington. Really, get those cotton subsidies out of their hair. □

World Cup's Most Exotic City Awaits Tourist Influx

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MANAUS, Brazil (AP) —

Death by giant snakes, malarial mosquitoes or drug-addled, knife-wielding thieves: If the barrage of blood-soaked headlines in the British tabloids is to be believed, that's what awaits soccer fans traveling to the most exotic of Brazil's World Cup host cities, the Amazonian metropolis of Manaus.

Despite Manaus' far-flung location in the heart of the world's biggest rainforest, making it reachable only by plane or boat, the ills most likely to affect the 52,000 or so foreigners expected for soccer's premier tournament are disappointingly mundane. Visitors to this city of 2 million are far more likely to spend hours locked in bumper-to-bumper gridlock than even cross paths with a python — let alone be strangled by one.

the gutters?"

While the forest fauna is largely absent from the city itself, nature makes itself felt in the hothouse climate and the blooms of mold that envelop the low-slung concrete buildings. With humidity hovering around 80 percent year-round, even just sitting motionless, out of doors is a sweat-inducing activity.

To help acclimate its players, the England soccer squad is training in multiple layers of long-sleeved clothing as it prepares to face Italy on June 15 in the first of four World Cup matches being held in Manaus's new \$229 million Arena Amazonas stadium. "There are two seasons in Manaus — summer and hell," a local adage goes. Clearly, the eight teams slated to play in the city, the U.S., England, Italy, Switzerland, Croatia, Cameroon, Portugal and Honduras, have their work cut



People buy fish as dawn begins to break at the Panair Fish Market in Manaus, Brazil. Eight teams are slated to play in the city - the U.S., England, Italy, Switzerland, Croatia, Cameroon, Portugal and Honduras - and they have their work cut out for them in dealing with the heat and humidity. "There are two seasons in Manaus," a local adage goes, "summer and hell."

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

meet to form the immense Amazon, the planet's largest river by volume.

The city blossomed during the rubber boom of the late 1800s, briefly be-

Lisboa Municipal Market was modeled on Paris' Les Halles market.

In the early 1900s, competition from rubber plantations in Asia caused the price of the milky tree sap to plummet, sending Manaus into a decades-long spiral.

It wasn't until the 1960s that an immense industrial zone on the northern bank of the Amazon helped breathe new life into the city. Now, gas flares burn bright at a riverside oil refinery, while puffing smokestacks poke above the verdant tree line as Honda, Harley Davidson, Suzuki and other international companies churn out auto parts, assemble motorcycles and manufacture electronics. While Manaus now suffers from the triumvirate of urban ills plaguing nearly every Brazilian city — chaotic planning, terrible traffic and iffy security — the upshot is that visitors can escape it all within minutes. The port area, with its cacophony of fishmongers flaying 40-kilo (88-pound)-plus "pirurucus" and fruit sellers hauling giant banana bunches the size of chandeliers, is dotted with speedboats-for-hire that within a quarter of hour can carry visitors past the urban sprawl to emerald jungle as far as the eye can see.

It's in the throbbing forest that the British tabloids' reports on Manaus take on a semblance of truth. Here, there really are giant insects, from palm-sized beetles with jaws mighty enough to amputate the tip of a human finger to pencil-length "stick bugs," which look like twigs come to life atop impossibly spindly legs. Sleepy-eyed sloths inch through the canopy, while snapping caimans, razor-toothed piranhas and lumpy, pink freshwater dolphins called "botos" ply the rivers.

Mosquitoes and other insects are so thick at dusk that malaria, yellow fever and leishmaniasis, which causes skin to break out in unsightly ulcers, represent a real threat in the jungle. There's also the "candiru," a narrow catfish that feeds off blood and is said to swim up any available human orifice. (Guides warn potential river swimmers not to urinate in the water.) Indigenous peoples live in thatched-roof villages carved out of the forest, and the riverbanks are lined with floating houses, restaurants, general stores and bars that rise and fall with the seasonal floodwaters.

Water is a way of life for the "ribeirinhos," as the river dwellers are known in Portuguese. □



Vendors jokingly hold up fishes over their eyes as they pose for a photo at the Panair Fish Market in Manaus, Brazil. Manaus got its start as a Portuguese fort, founded in the late 17th century. The city blossomed during the rubber boom of the late 1800s, briefly becoming one of the world's wealthiest cities.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

"People need to study geography," quipped Ketlen dos Santos Alves, a 20-year-old college student and Manaus native. "Yes, Manaus is in the Amazon, but it's also a huge city. How do foreigners actually believe there are snakes hanging from every tree and caimans hiding in

out for them in dealing with the heat and humidity.

But for the adventurous tourists heading here, a unique city rich in tradition awaits.

Manaus got its start as a Portuguese fort, founded in the late 17th century on the spot where the Rio Negro and Solmoes rivers

coming one of the world's wealthiest cities. During its heyday, extravagant rubber barons spared no expense on their vanity project, a stately opera house designed to rival Paris' Opera Garnier, made from the finest materials ferried in from Italy, Britain and France. The stylish Adolfo